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Lest we forget

A vet in Kinmount, and a little girl in Minden, alone with their thoughts last Sunday at Remembrance Day ceremonies
Photos by Lyn Winans

Duking it out in Minden Hills

By Liz Danielsen

The gloves were off in the Minden Hills Council Chambers this week at a special meeting called by the Reeve to discuss the council's procedural bylaw.

Councillor Bill Obee was not present, and it quickly became evident that neither councillor and Reeve-elect Barbara Reid nor councillor Rick Ratcliff had been apprised of the true purpose for the meeting.

The majority of council appeared to be accusing Reid of violating the municipality's procedural bylaw by scheduling staff/coun-

cil meetings prior to being sworn in, while Reid argued that she had actually been trying to do a bit of ground work for her new council and facilitate staff responsibilities.

Reeve Jim McMahon called the meeting to order and said, "I felt it was necessary to call this meeting for clarification purposes. It appears that some members of staff are confused about who to take direction from and, as much as the new council is roaring and ready to go, we do have a procedural bylaw to work by."

McMahon went on to quote the procedural bylaw which says that the inaugural meeting of (the new) council shall, after an elec-

tion, be held not later than the second Tuesday in December and that the Reeve-elect and the Clerk are responsible for the location, content and format of the agenda for the inaugural meeting, in essence precluding the new council from scheduling any meetings at all prior to inauguration.

"It's been like that as long as I've been around, and that's quite awhile," he said.

"Some of our staff members are saying that the incoming Reeve has been directing them to do some things; calling orientation and budget sessions and getting quotes for insurance.

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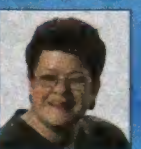
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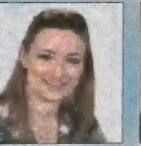
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Frontline poverty workers need help spreading warmth into area homes

By Laura Redman

Joanne Barnes and Lindsay MacLean have a mission to bring some warmth to local residents this winter season.

When they aren't busy managing the Minden Food Bank, these two women now have a program that will offer Haliburton County residents an emergency supply of fuel oil, propane or firewood.

They call it Fuel for Warmth and they decided to start the program last year after a 40-year-old man came into the Food Bank in Minden and told them that his electricity had been cut off and that he had no heat. The man had been injured and he was not able to go to work, and he explained to the pair that he had been falling behind in his payments on his house.

Barnes said when he came to them, it was about five degrees Celsius in the man's home.

"He had used a generator to pump water from his well, so he's in a house that's five degrees and he's showering in 50 degree water," Barnes said.

MacLean said paying the bills was not his biggest concern at that point — he was more worried he was going to freeze to death.

"He was concerned that if he went to sleep, he wasn't going to be waking up," MacLean said in an interview at her home last week.

"People are desperate. That really hit home," MacLean added, "that somebody has to live that way in this country. It's scary. Everybody seems to be one pay cheque away from bankruptcy."

So the two women came up with the idea of Fuel for Warmth, funded strictly by donations, and meant to help local families and individuals with one annual emergency donation of heating fuel.

"This is a one-time, per-year gift of fuel," Barnes explained.

MacLean said the gift is meant to last for about a two or three-week period. "Unfortunately, we can't pay for the entire season, but this is meant to tide people over until they get their next cheque," MacLean added.

Last year, the pair were able to help out 10 families, but this year, MacLean said winter hasn't even officially started, and they already have a list of people requesting assistance.

"This year it's going to be scary. In one day last week, we had three people coming in enquiring about the Fuel for Warmth program," MacLean said. "Right now, all I have to offer them is some wood, but if they can't use firewood, then we can't help them out right now. We need donations to get this going again."

The two women said they get asked for help by both homeowners and by tenants, and they're currently accepting donations of wood, fuel oil, propane or cash to purchase the above. They could

also use help from volunteers to deliver wood or help from certified and insured loggers who can cut and split wood on donated land. Some kind folks have offered the Barnes and

MacLean a woodlot that needs cleaning up, but they don't have the volunteer capacity to go out to cut and split firewood — and anyone who does that now, has to be certified.

"It's wonderful that people are offering that, but we don't have the capacity to do that," MacLean said.

But they say if every business in the Haliburton County logging or firewood industry donated one cord of wood, they'd have more than enough wood to help area families get through the winter — and they do issue tax receipts for the value of the wood or donated fuel.

"Last year, we had one gentleman donate two bush cords of wood, and that was awesome," MacLean said.

Barnes was still shaking her head at the current level of poverty they're seeing.

"It's so hard to believe that people in this country have to struggle just to stay warm," Barnes said.

This year, they've also seen new developments in the local poverty scene.

"Things need to change drastically," MacLean said. "This year, for the first time, we've had homeless people coming into the food bank. People are just falling through the cracks."

Barnes said the homeless man who lived in a ditch all summer in Camarvon had headed to Toronto for the winter so he could find the warmth offered by a sewer grate on the streets. Barnes said she also knows at least a half-dozen people in the Minden area who 'couch-surf', the rural name for homeless folks who spend their time sleeping on couches in other people's homes.

"We had a young lad come into the food bank this week for the first time," Barnes said. "He's trying to stay in school. Ontario Works pays for his room, and he has \$176 a month to live on. It's sad, to think that you're that young. He looked sad, almost defeated," Barnes said.

"I hate that look," MacLean added.

MacLean said one of the major issues here is a lack of affordable housing and facilities for victims of mental health. Barnes said another issue is pride — especially with seniors.

"The seniors will do without," Barnes said. "But the food bank subsidizes the Community Care Meals on Wheels with monthly donations and they're reaching out to the seniors through that program, because they will not come to the food bank. They were raised in that time when you just make do with whatever you have."

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Police Reports

OPP seeking help to solve break and enter Algonquin Highlands Property Entered

(HALIBURTON, ON) — On November 2, 2010 members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to a residence on Wolf Close in Algonquin Highlands, to investigate a break and enter. The break and enter had occurred to the garage, sometime between Thanksgiving weekend and November of 2010. Numerous tools and a generator were taken.

If you have any information regarding this break and enter, you are urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). □

Police ask for public's help in assault on four-year-old

By Laura Redman

Police are asking for the public's assistance in helping to identify the perpetrator of a "serious physical assault" on a four-year-old girl at the Woodville Arena on Monday, October 18.

Woodville is a village located about 30 kilometres northwest of Lindsay. According to Kawartha Lakes OPP Const. Mark Boileau, the incident happened while the child was attending the arena with her family, but was then allowed to visit the public washroom by herself. She was then taken out of the washroom by an unknown perpetrator through an exterior exit, beaten and left in a field near the arena. Boileau would not confirm that a sexual assault had taken place, and repeated that they were calling it a "serious physical assault."

"She has now been released from hospital," Boileau said on Thursday. "She is recovering nicely."

Boileau said police now know, from evidence offered by the victim, that the attacker was male and that he was previously unknown to the victim. Police would like to hear from anyone who may have noticed something at the arena that evening or from anyone who was recording at the arena with videotape or still photography.

"We are currently making every effort to identify this person and take him into custody," Boileau said, adding that investigators are still canvassing the area. Boileau also reminded parents that it is important to be vigilant with their children in any public place at all times.

"Unfortunately, it takes an incident like this to bring this safety issue to the forefront," Boileau said.

Anyone who thinks they may have information on this incident, can contact the Kawartha Lakes OPP at 705-324-6741 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. To report information online go to www.opp.ca and click on the crime files tab to find the unsolved crimes database. Information can also be reported anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or by going to www.khcs.ca.

OPP respond to ATV collision Minden Hills Man Charged

(HALIBURTON, ON) — On November 6, 2010 at approximately 2pm, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to an ATV collision on Clear Lake Road in the Township of Minden Hills. The OPP located the male driver of the ATV trapped under it. He was taken to Minden Hospital with non life threatening injuries. Officers determined that the driver of the ATV had been consuming alcohol.

Leonard BINCH, 58 years of The Township of Minden Hills, has been charged with Impaired Driving, and Drive Over 80mgs. Mr BINCH is to appear in Minden court on December 1, 2010 to deal with the charges. □

Essonville house explosion cause still unknown

By Laura Redman

An explosion that destroyed the Essonville Line home of Ted Procher on October 20 is still the subject of investigation by the Ontario Fire Marshall's office and the Technical Standards and Safety Authority.

Steve Klimpel, lead fire investigator for this incident, said Thursday that while the on-site investigation is complete, a number of samples from the site have now been sent to the Centre for Forensic Science.

When asked if there was a specific timeline in place for that outcome, Klimpel said no.

"That's an unknown at this stage," Klimpel said. ■

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Barnes said the local economy - not enough work or part-time work and minimum wage jobs, as well as a lack of transportation to good jobs are all factors in the struggles faced by local families. "Even people living on pensions, by the time you pay your rent, your hydro and if you're in town, your water, it's just not enough."

"The food bank started out as an emergency food bank and now for many, it's become a way of life," Barnes said. "And here we are, after just one season, after we started out as an emergency Fuel for Warmth, it's already looking like the dynamics are going to have to change, because for some people, it's not going to be an emergency, it's going to be an ongoing request for assistance from a certain sector of the population."

"So we need to really stretch our arms out and get people involved in helping."

MacLean said they had asked Minden Hills for funds to support the program, but because of the election, their request has been put on hold until January.

"It's like that commercial where the mom is putting the coat on the little girl - and they're inside the house. That's the way it is here. People here are making the choice between lights, heat and food," MacLean said. "Or between prescriptions and heat. That's awful. People are basically just surviving, if that."

Although both Barnes and MacLean work at the Minden Food Bank, Fuel for Warmth program is a separate entity - all funds are being administered by the Minden Bible Church - tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.

To help Barnes and MacLean share the Fuel for Warmth program, cheques can be sent to Fuel for Warmth, c/o Minden Bible Church, PO Box 485, Minden, K0K 2K0. For more information on the program, call 705-286-6838 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 - 4 p.m. or on other weekdays call 705-286-3561 or 705-489-3324. Please leave a message, calls will be returned.

Last year, Lindsay MacLean and Joanne Barnes established the Fuel for Warmth program, helping out 10 local families and individuals with an emergency supply of wood, propane or oil through donations from the community. This year, they say the need is even greater and they are again asking the community to help them keep area families warm throughout the winter. Charitable receipts for donations are available.

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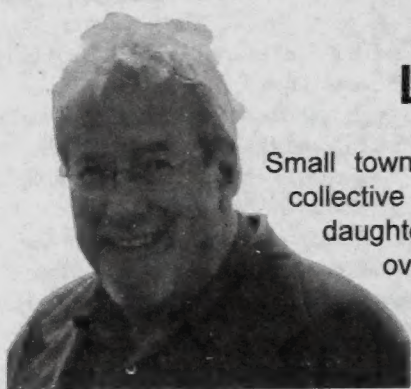
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Lest we Forget

Small town Canada has a special place in its collective heart for its Veterans, for its sons and daughters currently serving in Canada and overseas, and for those who lost their lives over the last century in the various conflicts that have shaped our world. I'm not quite sure why this should be so – perhaps it is just a reflection of how interdependent residents of small communities are – and how supportive we are of each other in both difficult and happy times. We may not all turn out for the Remembrance Day parades, ceremonies, but as Lyn Winans gently points out in her coverage of the Gelert/Lochlin ceremony last weekend, you don't need grand pageantry to create a moving and meaningful service.

Certainly the loss of over 100 lives in Afghanistan over the last decade has introduced a new generation to the horrors of war, and perhaps this is another reason why November 11th has regained its nation-wide resonance with such force. Two Haliburtonians, both Afghan veterans, one of whom is still serving, kindly contributed to this issue of the Voice, for which we're grateful. And Laura Redman pays tribute to the oft-forgotten war-time contribution of Canadian women with a lovely portrait of Haliburton County's indomitable Billy Pickard, one of a small, brave band of female World War Two Veterans.

But this local and national support for Remembrance Day shouldn't be construed as a blind acceptance of all things military, or for some dumbed-down celebration of the Imperial-like reverence for the military of our neighbours to the south. Twenty-first century Canadians, the recent insane shenanigans at the Campbellford Legion notwithstanding, have a deep contempt and fear of the cultures of hatred, racial and religious exclusion, and repression that have led to so much global conflict. And there isn't a nation on earth, with the possible exception of South Africa that has delved into its historical sins with such dedication. Those sins are many – the deliberate exclusion of European Jewry from our shores in the 1930s, even into World War Two, the attempted virtual cultural genocide of our aboriginal populations, the Chinese head tax, the camps for loyal Japanese Canadians, even the defacto banishment of African Canadians from professional hockey for decades – all continue to be part of our national consciousness, and debate. At the very least they are not buried, and where they have been, historians and journalists have dutifully done their best to get to the dirt for all to see. This might drive some Canadians a little crazy: "what's all that got to do with me?" But our history is part of our fabric, our shared skin, if you will, and an essential part of us. This self-knowledge is particularly important for so-called "New" Canadians to absorb, so they know they are not coming to a Pollyanna version of some kind of snowy Eden.

Remembrance Day, for young and old, is a reminder of all of those pasts: our histories, our great battles, and our terrible sacrifices. And a reminder to our young to fight just as passionately against all wars, and against all those who champion repression and hatred. □



Letter of the Week

Haliburton Health Services "Out of their gourds!"

Dear Editor:

My husband started smoking in about 1951, I started smoking in 1963, on the advice of my Doctor! (My nerves were bad, and he said smoking was safer than drugs). (After almost 69 years of life, I still believe he was right)!

Is it a healthy habit? - HELL ---- NO!

However, I still believe that Doctor was right in his advice for me!

That Dr. took the time to get to know me as a human being, and cared about how I was feeling. He actually realized that my body couldn't handle all the artificial drugs that the drug companies manufacture!

When this whole anti-smoking campaign began; no smoking in movie theatres (about 1981 or 82), we thought; we can live with this; because we don't want to be offensive to anyone!

Fast forward to - what year did they take our rights from us to smoke in stores? Then they took away our rights to smoke in restaurants and bars! (I can't remember when the last time was that I could smoke in a hospital, but I know I could still buy cigarettes in drug stores in the '80's!

We've adapted to all these changes in co-operation with changing times, and hopefully for the health betterment of our local youth!

How about a little respect for the seniors, who were reared in a different age, a different era, and with different standards!

How dare you: who are not elected by the public; think you can take my rights from me?

My tax dollars went into the purchase of property, and the building of the Hospital!

We are part owners of that land! You have no right to tell us what we can do on our own land!

You don't own that land; the public does!

There has been no referendum held on this subject, and I personally feel, you're trying very hard to keep seniors out in the cold, without any medical help whatsoever!

Dear God!

Please bring back to us some REAL DOCTORS! (People who care about people instead of what is politically correct).

Lenore Wright ■

Letter from the Publisher

Since the municipal election campaign moved into high gear, the electorate in Minden Hills has been bombarded with stories and rumours about who was acting irresponsibly, illegally and/or cheating on their spouses, their taxes or on their final exams. Destroyed election signs became evidence that opposition agents provocateurs, one was left to suppose, were afoot under the cover of darkness. Third parties were inveigled into drafting letters of support or letters of unsupport, depending which side of the fence one sat.

Here at The Voice, we have been chastened for our bare-faced support of one politician or group of politicians over another. Fortunately, moments later, another salvo arrives accusing us of the exact opposite position. Being shot at from both sides is reassuring in the newspaper business because it means we must be doing something close to balanced reporting of the situation.

As the election pot came to a rolling boil, I and other members of the staff at the newspaper have received letters, phone calls and been stopped by acquaintances in the street and asked, when are we going to get the story right...or, perhaps when are we going to print the right story?

Even after the votes were counted, indicating a decisive win in all races, it seems the rancour continues. The poison appears to have spread among some of the municipal staff creating strained relationships that could prove very corrosive as the new council takes office.

At this point, I have to agree with Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon when he stated following a special council meeting this week, "I don't know who to believe."

So, with a surfeit of stories and rumours ricocheting back and forth, the slow drip of toxicity poisoning the atmosphere, where

does the community and the council go from here?

The community needs to accept the result of the electorate and give the new council an opportunity to prove what it can deliver. There were some dramatic promises made during the last election. Let us give the new council, all seven members, an opportunity to deliver on those promises. Whether one admires the elected

representatives or not, they are all we've got. The community should, at the very least, give the council an opportunity to make Minden Hills a better place.

The council needs to approach its mandate with a willingness to consider all sides of an issue, debate the merits and let the majority rule. One would hope that there are enough independent and conciliatory minds at the council table that something akin to progress will emerge from their deliberations.

The municipal council and staff need to take a moment to consider who they are working for and why. They have been elected or hired to make Minden Hills the best municipality they can. This is not optional. It is why the voters cast their ballots. The council and the municipal staff can't turn this idea on and off like a tap to pursue petty squabbles ... this ethos needs to be their one and only purpose, the reason they have been entrusted with the authority the community has given them. Every decision, every action, every plan should be vetted against the principle: How does this make Minden Hills a better place for everyone?

Only with that thought uppermost in all of our minds can the community, the council and the municipal staff build a better Minden Hills ... and surely that is the outcome we all want.

Jack Brezina, Publisher

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Dear Editor:

Voter objects to Danielsen candidacy

Dear Editor:

As a voter in Ward 2 of Algonquin Highlands, I am shocked that no one has written about the fact that one of the candidates for councillor, Elizabeth Danielsen, does not own property here! Apparently she is renting a piece of vacant land for ONE DOLLAR a year from Paul MacInnes, the president of the Maple Beech group. This dollar would somehow make her eligible to make decisions and approve bylaws for the rest of us. She doesn't even live in Haliburton County, but rather in Hastings County.

It would seem to me that if she were to be elected, she would be very beholden to Mr. MacInnes in case he should cancel her lease on his property. It's surprising that she could keep this a secret for so long and makes one wonder why our local newspapers have never written about this (she works for one of the newspapers!).

When John Tory tried to parachute into this provincial riding the voters sent him packing. I would hope we send Ms. Danielsen the same message.

Malcolm MacGregor,
Algonquin Highlands. ■

Liz Danielsen responds

I'm disappointed in the letter to the editor by Mr. MacGregor attacking my candidacy for election in Algonquin Highlands. First, I have met all the legal requirements of a candidate and have been certified as eligible by the municipal Clerk. Second, it is true that I have leased a piece of land in the municipality. It is a long term lease and I am responsible for the taxes on that property. I have made no secret of this fact, something which was included in an earlier article written about my candidacy by Chad Ingram for the Minden Times and brought to the public's attention at a public meeting attended by over 200 area residents and numerous members of the press.

I have always been and will continue to be an independent thinker who will seek and weigh out the information I'm given when making decisions that will serve everyone in Algonquin Highlands fairly.

While the present Council has done a good job of stewardship of the municipality in many ways, I believe that it has failed to respond to the broad based opposition to an airport expansion that shows no return on an investment that far exceeds initial estimates.

Mr. MacGregor may wish to send me packing, but it will not lessen my commitment to do an excellent job for all Algonquin Highlands residents and be readily available to listen to their concerns. I bring 28 years of municipal and council experience to the table and, if elected, am prepared to put that experience to work on everyone's behalf.

Elizabeth Danielsen
(Still) Hopeful Candidate
for Algonquin Highlands ■

Re: County council notes:

Dear Editor:

I'm delighted that Eleanor Harrison will remain active as a citizen on the Kawartha Lakes - Haliburton Housing Corporation board. We need to take care of social housing, and we need to integrate it into a broader housing plan. Not everyone needs social housing, not everyone needs supported housing; but everyone needs appropriate, affordable housing, with local alternatives as their needs change.

I'm convinced the concern about housing that was evident during the election campaign is sincere, but for this concern to become a plan, more resources are needed to dig out the facts, build them into a meaningful picture, and create a multi-faceted plan to create what is needed, where it's needed, over time.

I would hope that the new County Council and the four townships would support the development of a housing advisory committee, comprised of councillors from each of the four townships, and citizens with various skills and perspectives from across the County. Their task would be to create a county plan for housing.

Fay Martin,
Minden ON ■

"I have no regrets, I am proud to have put my name on the ballot ..."

Dear Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Ward 2 that chose to take part in the election process. The large turnout proves that democracy at the Municipal level in our town has an important role to play in the day to day lives of us all.

As I stated during the campaign we need to find a balance between the wants and needs of both the full-time and seasonal residents through consultation and negotiation to make rational, reasonable, respectful decisions that are based on the overall long-term good of Minden Hills. I expect that the new Slate led council will operate to the standards and beyond those they applied to the existing council in its day to day operations, application and enforcement of by-laws, maintaining and modifying the Official Plan, adhering to the councillor code of conduct, allowing the staff to do their jobs without political interference, transparency, accountability, human resources and decision making processes.

I have no doubt this new Slate led council will be operating under the same scrutiny as the present one and we will all be as aware as we choose to be regarding the issues at hand. I hope we are all able to look back in four years as I am in my decision to run for council; I have no regrets, I am proud to have put my name on the ballot and let the people decide.

Richard Bradley
Moore Falls of Ward2
Minden Hills. ■

In response to your editorial of last week

Dear Editor:

Just because your favoured candidate for Deputy Reeve did not win, you do not have a right to continue to show your lack of respect for democracy and criticize Mr. Davis as well as those who voted for him. Mr. Davis had the largest percentage of votes...he won - that is how democracy works! Out of five wards in Dysart et al, he won four of them.

And who were "the many" that were surprised by his re-election? Obviously not the 40 percent that voted for him! And remember who it was during this campaign that brought up the redneck issue - it was NOT Mr. Davis!!

I am a young professional who followed the campaign closely and Mr. Davis, in my opinion, was the one that provided the electorate with the most knowledge and commitment. He was the one that offered one agenda for all the electors and has proven by his past service to do so, not different agendas for different groups of electors.

I am looking forward to four years of public service by Mr. Davis and his fellow councillors.

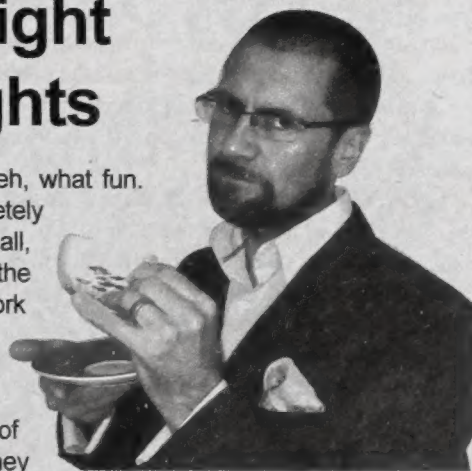
Heather Mulholland.

(Editor's note: Heather Mulholland is the granddaughter of Mr. Davis.) ■

The Outsider

■ By Will Jones

Fright Nights



Halloween eh, what fun. I got completely swept up in it all, especially the putting to work of young children - if you ask me the outlawing of juvenile chimney sweeps in England in 1840 was a damn shame. But in the sweep's absence we now employ child labour in a quest to amass large amounts of sweets, or as you folks say, candy that we know only too well almost all of will be confiscated from little Johnny et al after the event. Genius.

I duly decked out my darling boy in a mummy costume, and, bucket in hand, he 'trick or treated' his way up and down Highland Street. Or, to be honest, he 'treated', as at only 16 months old he can't quite get his molar (singular) around the whole phrase just yet.

And, the little fella did good. There is now a large jar of confectionary hidden high up in a cupboard where only his mother and I can reach it. Well, we can't have him eating those sugar coated treats can we; else his one molar will fall out before he's even got a good chew from it!

Now, all of this ghoulish frivolity is new to me. Halloween wasn't really celebrated in England back when I was a boy. It is getting much bigger now though, as is the NBA - the Timberwolves played the Lakers in a season opener in London this year - and suing McDonalds because we've eaten too many burgers and now weigh 350 lbs!

But I digress. Never having donned a bed sheet with holes for eyes and gone out on a pre-teen 'terror' spree I was keen to find out all about Halloween. So, pressing your kids into candy gathering aside, what's it all about?

I'm reliably informed by the local folk that Halloween has its roots in Celtic folklore and the festival of Samhain, which celebrated the bridge between lighter and darker halves of the year. At this time the border between our world and the Otherworld is supposedly thin and spirits good and bad can pass through.

Sounds like someone's cribbing from an episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer to me.

Then, there are those who say Halloween is derived from the Catholic All Souls Day. A time to pray for the departed who haven't quite made it to heaven: the ones stuck in limbo because they kicked a dog, or had less than righteous thoughts about the neighbour's 18 year old daughter after she knocked at their door dressed in a little red devil costume and purred trick or treat, mister!

Whether its roots are religious or pagan Halloween seems like a load of old hokum to me, dreamed up by some American marketing man in order to sell vast quantities of ghoulish masks and candy.

Now as mentioned, back in Blighty, Halloween is not yet as big an event as it is here. We can't waste our time on petty fright-nights and dressing up in silly costumes, you see. No, we have more serious things to commemorate, namely Guy Fawkes Night.

On November 5th 1605 (yep, some proper olde worlde history comin' up) the aforementioned Mr Fawkes and a few of his Catholic chums tried to blow up Protestant King James I. The gunpowder plot was foiled though, the King saved and everyone celebrated: well, everyone except Fawkes and his mates; they were taken from the Tower of London and executed on January 31st, 1606.

By execution, I mean Fawkes and Co had their genitals cut off and burnt before their eyes before having their bowels and hearts removed. Then they were decapitated and the dismembered parts of their bodies dispersed to the corners of the kingdom as fair warning to other would-be traitors.

And we celebrate this? We jolly well do. There's nothing like a good decapitation, after genital removal of course, to get us Brits in the party mood. We don't do anything fancy, though; just build a large bonfire and sit an effigy of Fawkes (which our darling children have made) on top of it. Then, smiling families gather together, toffee apples and mulled wine in hand, to watch Mr. Fawkes burn, slowly; the flames first licking around his ankles before catching light to his clothes and roasting him alive. HOOHAAAAHAAAAHAAAA!!!

And you think Halloween is scary! ■



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Minden Hills brouhaha continues

"This is not the first time that there has been divisive and toxic information coming from that individual."

- Reeve-Elect Barb Reid in reference to CAO Gerry Morrison

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The new council has no authority to act until they are sworn in. They are like all the other members of the public here today. As far as meeting with staff, giving direction or setting up orientation meetings, I believe it has no right to do so, according to the procedural bylaw."

"Up to December the 5th, the present council will be looking after the affairs of the municipality, even if we are a 'lame duck' council. All of the financial matters have been handed over to the CAO Gerry Morrison and all direction is to be through him until the new council is sworn in and until then you have no authority. As much as I realize you would like to get going, there is a waiting period. Those are the rules and I ask that they be followed."

He then asked if any of the other members of council wanted to say anything.

Councillor Peter Oyler weighed in, saying that he had been the recipient of concerns and comments. He said, "I move that the CAO be requested to set a date and time for all department heads, managers and the newly elected council for orientation regarding the responsibilities of both the council and department heads as well as the delineation of roles between the two bodies. One is for policy setting and the other is for administration. The council is elected to set policy and the CAO and department heads and staff are responsible to carry out those directions."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch seconded Oyler's motion.

Oyler then confirmed that, despite concerns by the treasurer and staff about the 2011 budget, when an election had taken place in previous years the budget had been passed a month later than normal. He said, "The budget meetings can be held the week after the inaugural meeting."

"As far as I'm concerned the department heads should be doing all the preliminary work and council should only be part of those discussions after they take office. It will not cause the staff or the public any great concerns if the tax bills are out a month late. It will not hurt the process overall."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff appeared to have no problem with orientation meetings and said that he even felt it would help to streamline things. He was, however, somewhat concerned about budget discussions but said that the CAO was responsible for the budget and if he and the treasurer were on board and agreed with Reid's suggestion to hold meetings there should be no problem.

Oyler said, "I will say openly and publically that I was not consulted on this matter by the treasurer or council or the CAO other than being questioned about whether it should be done prior to or post swearing in and in my view it should be post swearing in."

Murdoch said, "I know that the CAO was told not to come to the meetings. I also know that committees have been set up and that should not be done. The entire process is disrespectful and if this is the tone of the new council I will not go down that road."

"I have my reputation to protect. I am here for Minden Hills. I respect the staff and they respect me. We have wonderful staff that makes us look good. This is a democracy, not a dictatorship."

But according to Reid, she had not initiated the meetings. She said that the treasurer had voiced concerns about the budget process and its timing and she was subsequently asked by the CAO to come to the office for a meeting with the treasurer.

"The treasurer said that she was feeling some pressure as usually by this time the budget process has been started. We talked about what we could do and the suggestion was put on the table about orientation and budget discussions while ensuring that no specific agreements were made."

Responding to Murdoch's charges about committees having been established, Reid said, "The CAO asked me on the 28th of October for a list of committees and chairs, so I spoke with each member of council."

Reid apologized for not having reached Murdoch. She said she had left messages for Murdoch that had not been responded to. "As Deputy Reeve I intended to ensure you were the first to know," she said.

Reid reiterated that during her meeting with the CAO they had discussed an orientation meeting with the department heads to set the overall tone of what the budget could look like. "It was the request of the treasurer and the CAO agreed it would be a good idea, but felt that as a courtesy we should have the agreement of council and I agreed."

Subsequently, Reid said that the CAO had advised her there would be no point in contacting councillors Obee or Ratcliffe as four members of council (McMahon, Murdoch, Oyler and Schell) had said no to the suggestion.

"It must be stated clearly that I was invited to the meeting by the CAO and treasurer and we came up with a plan. This came from the staff and it was my intent to help them. councillors Obee and Ratcliffe supported a non decision-making meeting as did councillor Schell, making four members of (the existing) council that had agreed. But now things have all ground to a halt."

Reid also said, "We can wait, but that will hurt the very staff you say you care so much about. We would need to waste a month and leave them hanging, but if you want to leave things hanging

because of personal feelings, that's fine."

"If my actions have been inappropriate, I think you need to ask the CAO why he asked me twice to provide him with a list of committees. I responded to a request from him and if he is unfamiliar with the proper procedure, maybe you should be talking with him." (The CAO, however, was not present at the meeting.)

Although she later said that he would be welcome to sit in on the meetings, Reid advised that she felt it was not mandatory for the CAO to attend the orientation meetings and that there was likely better use that could be made of his time. This led to a heated discussion with Oyler and Murdoch criticizing Reid and Reid saying it had simply been viewed as an opportunity to discuss efficiencies and where department heads could 'batten down the hatches.'

Reid said, "The whole point of the exercise was to give them a heads up so they could use their time more productively."

"The suggestion that I was exercising undue power and am part of a dictatorship by Deputy Reeve Murdoch is totally inappropriate. Whether you like it or not I have been elected to be the next Reeve and I intend to work with the entire new council in an open way."

When several members of council commented about the discrepancy in stories, Reid said, "Why would I want to seek out an afternoon like this. It is a shame. It would have made more sense for the CAO or treasurer to simply advise me that they had changed their minds, but they did not and here we are today. I even had to ask for clarification about the reason for this meeting, but did not receive it. Clearly the audience has a better idea about why we are here than I do."

Schell said that when she had been approached by the CAO for an opinion about the meetings, he had said it was to get the budget process started and the word orientation had not been used. "Department heads were even asked to come off holidays to attend the meetings and I could not understand why the CAO would not be there."

Reid, however, knew nothing about any request for staff to cancel their holidays. Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard came to Reid's defence at this point, saying that no direction had been given to cancel holidays.

"Who runs this corporation anyway?" ***(Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch)***

McMahon apologized to Reid, saying, "That is not the message I got from the CAO. I'm sorry, but that is not what was relayed to me. I got a call after your meeting on Friday and the CAO said, 'She's not even sworn in and she's trying to take over.'"

Reid, obviously frustrated, said, "This is not the first time that there has been divisive and toxic information coming from that individual."

"The purpose of this meeting is clearly to challenge me. That is the real agenda, not the procedural bylaw," she said.

McMahon said that the CAO had advised him that there was confusion within the organization about who was in charge. Again he advised Reid that she had no authority until she was sworn in and Reid again responded that she had not sought out or initiated the meeting with the CAO. Referring to the meeting she said, "I asked how their concerns could be handled and the meeting concluded with the agreement that this needed the approval of the current council. How does that suggest that I was trying to subvert the procedural bylaw?"

Finally Murdoch said, "This could go on for a long time and as far as I'm concerned it should all happen after December 5th. Who runs this corporation anyway? It is not the Reeve. It is the CAO. I'm hopeful that this will be a good council. There are a lot of good things about to happen in this municipality over the next four years and if this spin doctoring continues nothing will happen."

McMahon said, "I'm receiving mixed messages, but have no reason not to believe (Reid). The CAO advised that he would not be allowed to take part in the orientation and budget meetings and he asked for a special meeting to determine exactly who is in charge."

Responding to comments made earlier by Reid that by balking at her plan the council would hamper staff's progress, Oyler said that he deeply resented the comments. But he also commented that he believed orientation sessions worked, even if it was to sell widgets on a street corner. But Oyler concluded his remarks by saying that no meetings should take place until the new council was sworn in in December and the rest of council agreed.



Reeve McMahon with Reeve-Elect Reid on election night two weeks ago. The last hand shake?

Appointed of Agent of Record disputed

Then council got down to its second piece of business, which was to appoint Shawn Hagerman as the Township's Agent of Record. This would enable Hagerman to 'shop the market' for an employee benefit program.

This generated more heated discussion with the attendant councillors disagreeing with Reid about the best approach to take. The treasurer suggested that Hagerman would have the ability to negotiate prices and options. Reid, however, was adamant that the municipality should seek competitive prices, particularly based on the fact that the cost of benefits had increased by 55 percent over the previous five years while revenues had increased by 32 percent.

"We must get competitive quotes from companies that are not related to each other in any way. If we can't come to grips with this, council will ultimately be compelled to make drastic changes to either our plan or our people. It is a crisis within the municipality. I'm very concerned about our hands being tied from getting a broad range of advice."

Oyler suggested that the increase in the cost of benefits was not unique to Minden Hills and the treasurer assured council that appointing the Agent of Record would not preclude them from negotiating prices or from terminating their agreement with Hagerman.

The discussion carried on for some time and Reid later said that she could not understand the apparent reluctance to go out and get independent bids for a benefits package. However, council in a recorded vote (five for and Reid against) proceeded to appoint Hagerman as the Agent of Record.

Deputy Reeve Murdoch responds

When asked the next day about the conflicting stories heard during the meeting, Murdoch said, "There's no confusion. I know in my mind that the staff did not give the direction being suggested by Reid. Although it appears to be a he said, she said, situation, I'm not prepared to go down that road."

"Basically the fact that the new council was trying to take over before being sworn in prompted the meeting. This is something that will have to be sorted out over time."

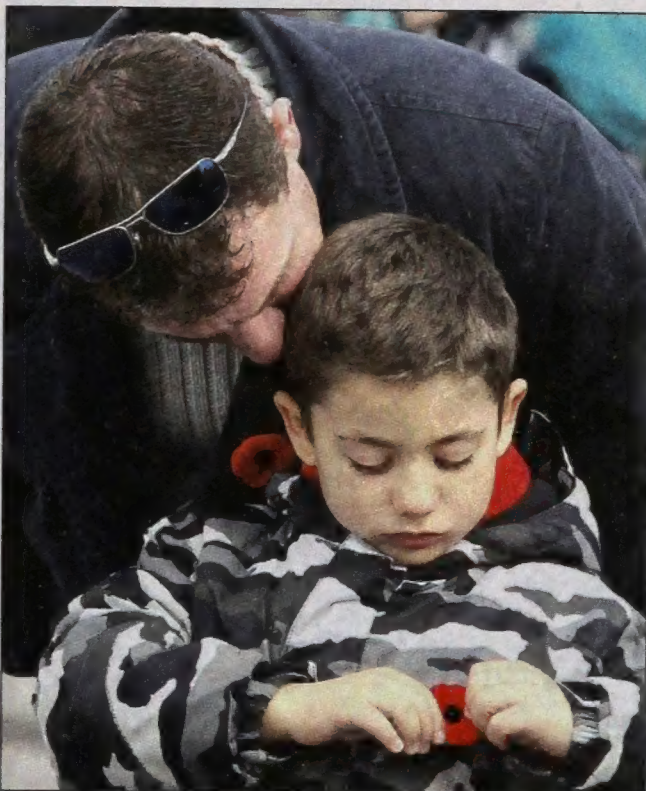
When the Voice contacted McMahon, he said, "I just don't know who to believe. Our CAO is saying that Reid is interfering and, let's face it, she is not sworn in as reeve and has no authority at this time to meet with department heads, work on budgets or upset the staff."

When asked why the CAO had not attended, McMahon said, "He refused to be at the meeting even though I recommended that he should."

Reid later said that the meeting was an indication of just how divisive the council had become. "This is what I have been subjected to for the past four years, primarily in closed sessions and away from the public eye."

Reid said she was actually grateful that so many members of the public had been able to see how the council operates from time to time. "This is a window into how this council has been operating for the past four years, with a hidden agenda and an attack mentality. It will certainly not be what the new council will look like." □

Remembrance Day celebrations in Gelert, Kinmount, and Minden



Remembrance in Gelert

By Lyn Winans

It was a chilly, overcast day with a dusting of snow on the ground when 10 people gathered at the Gelert Cemetery last Saturday to remember the 16 Canadian Force's members who rest there. Of those in attendance, nine were affiliated with Legion Branch 441 Kinmount, and the tenth was cemetery board member, Alex McCloud. There was no band, no padre and minimal pageantry.

The Canadian anthem and Last Post were played using a hand carried CD player, and participants took turns reading, leading prayers and laying wreaths on behalf of organizations that had no representatives in attendance. McCloud read the names of the fallen, Bernice Owens lead the prayer and Sheldon Rae delivered the Prime Minister's message.

After the ceremony, some wondered aloud why nobody else had come. "It's a shame that nobody from the county turns out here," said Alex McCloud, but generously added, "maybe they didn't know." Organizer and poppy chairman, Joan Simmons, quickly reminded him that all the dates were in the papers.

"Well not everyone reads the papers," said McCloud kindly.

They chatted for a few minutes more, and once everyone was gone, McCloud locked the cemetery gates. "To keep ATV-ers out", he mused.

Regardless of the number in attendance, the remembrances of those gathered in the wee burial grounds surrounded by forest were as heartfelt and sincere as any that will be offered in our nation's capital on Nov 11th. Some might even say more so, especially the families of Robert John Vick, Tom Selby, Albert Hoyler, Joseph Graham, Clifford Schroter, Clayton Geeza, Tom Hamilton, Reg Currah, Laurence Sedgwick, Bob Davis, Evlan Wruth, Gordon Precor, Archibald Thomson, Orval Francis, Ralph Schroter and John Falconer, the Canadian servicemen buried at the tiny cemetery in Gelert. ■



Top left: Colour parade in Gelert. Centre: father and son in Kinmount; Above: wreaths and crosses in Minden.

This year's Minden Legion Silver Cross Mother was Mrs. Mary Cox, who lost a brother in World War Two. For obvious reasons, there are few if any mums left who lost sons in either WWII or the Korean War. (Above): Mrs. Cox is accompanied by Minden Legion's Sergeant at Arms Keith Wellborn.

The National Silver Cross Mother is chosen annually by The Royal Canadian Legion to represent the mothers of Canada at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa on 11 November. As the Silver Cross Mother, she will lay a wreath at the base of the National War Memorial on behalf of all mothers who lost children in the military service of their nation.

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Veteran remembers her friends... and the war that brought them all together

By Laura Redman

Today, on this, the eleventh day of the eleventh month, former Army Corporal Billy Pickard will be remembering the many friends she made while stationed overseas, during the Second World War.

A child of the Great Depression, Pickard grew up in the small town of Radville, Saskatchewan. Maybe it was because of her mother's untimely death from tuberculosis when Pickard was just 14, or maybe it was the discipline imposed by the daily struggle of life during those tough early years, but Pickard has always faced life head on.

Pickard finished high school before she traveled further west to find work in a post office in the then-booming gold mine town of Wells, B.C. But when Canada joined the war, the men of Wells traded in their mining gear for a rifle and three square meals a day in the army, leaving the town pretty much a ghost town, and leaving Pickard out of a job.

Fate stepped in, in the form of an army recruiter who had stopped in Wells, and Pickard didn't have to think too hard before she signed up too. After basic training with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Vermillion, Alberta, Pickard was placed initially in the Signal Corps in Esquimalt, B.C., where she used her talent for drawing at a drafting table.

After nearly a year there, the army was looking for mail clerks to send overseas and because of her prior experience in the post office, Pickard was on their most-wanted list. So, she soon found herself stopping home for a four-day visit to say goodbye to her dad, and next she found herself immersed in six weeks of 'front-line training' at a camp just outside of Kitchener, Ontario.

"We had to do long route marches and wear these heavy packs and crawl under fences in the mud. Practice going through tear gas," Pickard said, shaking her head. "We all survived."

Pickard was sitting in her living room in Haliburton village on Monday, thumbing through the pages of her wartime photo album – she has an extraordinary collection – and she identifies the people, the places and the timelines without difficulty. When asked about that, she laughs.

"I can remember more about the war than I can remember growing up – or even what I did yesterday," she said. "Especially when I get my pictures out, which I don't do very often."

She points to the first page. "That was just after I signed up, one of the girls had chicken pox so we were all placed under quarantine for a month. I'd already had chicken pox, but that didn't seem to matter."

Pickard is easy to pick out of the group shots, she stands with her head back and her shoulders squared, her five-foot nine stature, tall and proud. To this day, she can hear the echo of her mother's voice saying, "You straighten up."

Her mascot of those days is a dilapidated panda bear named Zoe – he looks like he's been through several wars – re-stitched in several places and original eyes long gone.

"He not only fought the war with me, but he ended up with my children and my grandchildren. The kids were actually tougher on him than the war."

She points to another photograph.

"This is the ship we went overseas on – the 'Andes'."

Pickard was 22 years old. Was she afraid?

"Afraid, I was paralyzed. I'd never even been in a canoe. I grew up in Saskatchewan."

While the 14-day voyage was "quite an experience" the scenery was almost familiar.

"When you're on the prairies, all you see is flat land and sky. When you're out on the ocean, all you see is water and sky. It took 14 days to cross because we had to zigzag back and forth to avoid the German submarines."

Landing in Liverpool, Pickard was originally stationed in Farnborough, but she was soon sent to Normandy. She shared some notes created for a book about her wartime experience with the Postal Corps.

"Twenty girls were selected to go to Normandy with Mont-



Second World War Veteran Billy Pickard shared her wartime memories through her album of photographs and her wartime mascot, a panda bear named Zoe.

gomery's 21st Army group – I will never forget climbing up the huge cargo nets, carrying our full packs as we boarded the small ship that took us across the English Channel.

"We landed in Normandy on July 28, 1944. The devastation on the beaches and the buildings close to the beach was a terrible site to behold. I must say, we were pretty nervous," she wrote.

They landed five weeks after the invasion. While in Normandy, they spent two months living in tents inside a walled apple orchard. She spent her days sorting letters "for the boys."

"We were in the tracing section and every soldier had an index card with their 'number' on it." Pickard's 'number' was on the dog tags she wore on a string around her neck. "I can't remember my telephone number, but I can remember that number."

While the women sorted mail and kept the card system up-to-date, male couriers delivered the letters and packages to the front lines.

But Pickard had her own experiences near the front lines – too near. She describes the rocket bombs that the Germans had just invented – the V-1 and then V-2s.

"If you heard it coming, put-putting along, it was a V-1, we called them buzz bombs. You'd hear it stop and then you'd take cover. The other ones – the V-2s, they just dropped – we called them doodlebugs."

Pickard was on her way back to her billet one day when a nearby bomb knocked out the electricity – she was trapped for four hours in an elevator, by herself.

"I was praying," Pickard said. "And no, I'm not a religious person," she adds, with a laugh. "I still won't go in an elevator by myself."

Another day, while still posted in Antwerp, during the 'Battle of the Bulge' Pickard and her friend had just crossed the street to enter a shop when the shop they'd just left was bombed and everyone inside was killed.

Right after the war ended, while still in England, Pickard married her first husband, another Canadian from the Postal Corps

who she'd met overseas. At least she thinks she married him... They were in a registry office in London.

"We were there in this line-up and when we got to the fellow, he muttered something and then he said, 'That'll be two-pound, ten please,'" Pickard says with a laugh. "He never said you're married. He just said, 'Two pound, ten please... next?'"

After returning home to set up their life together in Toronto, Pickard once again had to be resilient in the face of tragedy – her first husband died suddenly in 1953, four days after the birth of their third child.

Alone with a five-year-old, a four-year-old and a brand new baby, Pickard was forced to find work – and again became a postal clerk at the post office located at Bay and Front Streets, adding to her income by hairdressing most evenings out of her basement.

It was six years later that she met RCMP officer Ed Pickard at a dance and ended up marrying him – for sure that time. They both joke that she was the original 'cougar' – Pickard is 11 years younger.

"They said it would never last a month," Ed says. "That just shows how stubborn we are. We've been married almost 52 years."

The couple then adopted their own son, completing their family of four children. They first just cottaged in Haliburton and then moved up full-time to Redstone Lake in 1983, driving in during the summers,

and snowmobiling in the unplowed cottage road during the winters. Nine years ago, they made the decision to move into town and they now live in a lovely spot on Riverside Drive.

They've both been very active in the Legion in Haliburton and on Saturday, Pickard's friends and family held a surprise birthday party, celebrating her 89th.

But on Monday, Pickard was in her favourite chair in their living room talking about the war.

"I don't get my book out very often, it's too depressing," she said, wiping her eyes with a tissue.

What was the worst?

"The worst was when we traveled by truck convoy, we had to get out to eat – and the worst was having people lining up and fighting over our garbage."

But mostly, Pickard remembers the good times, and the friendships she carved out with the 20 Canadian women she was stationed with – and the local civilian employees from Belgium.

"We stayed in touch, some of them all the time, others just at Christmas, but we kept in touch," Pickard said. "Now though, there are only two of us left, my officer and myself. We were at her 90th birthday party in August. The children of all of them sent me notices when their mothers passed away."

One woman from Belgium kept writing letters to Pickard until she became so ill, her niece had to pick up the pen on her behalf. When Pickard visited Holland in 1995 for the 50th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland by the Canadian Army, she met up with that niece, who has also visited Pickard here in Canada. She sent her a lovely birthday card and a letter last week.

"She always does," Pickard said, smiling that same sweet smile, so recognizable in the wartime photographs.

But Pickard says Canadians have no idea how lucky they are that they never experienced that kind of devastation on home soil.

"We're so lucky to be here, I always thought that when I was there," Pickard said. "When you see them all lined up with their baby carriages and their wheelbarrows with nowhere to go, how lucky we are. We've always been lucky here." ■



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Remembrance Day messages from Afghanistan

By Lt.-Col. Steve Brand

It had been a few years since I'd last talked to my erstwhile former editor, Jack Brezina, when he called to ask me to write a Remembrance Day piece talking about ramp ceremonies for his new endeavour, The County Voice. Although I've been back from Afghanistan for just over a year, there isn't a day that goes by without me thinking about my time there. The conflict is very much still in the news, and the Canadian involvement there still garners much public interest.

I was born and raised in the shadows of the Second World War and Korean War, and have always considered those soldiers to be veterans - not those of us serving today who volunteered for service overseas in Afghanistan. I still think that a six to eight month tour of duty, with scheduled deployment and return dates, doesn't compare to the five-plus years of overseas service many of our predecessors volunteered for some 70 years ago during the Second World War. They went overseas not knowing when they would return, nor did they receive a two-week home leave. Different times? Most certainly!

Last week, the Canadian presence at Camp Mirage came to a rather sudden end, the apparent victim of a diplomatic dispute between Canada and the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.). This triggered memories of the first Ramp Ceremony that I attended a little over a year ago on my first trip into Kandahar.

This one-time secret base, hidden in the dunes outside a then-friendly "host nation" has been our final staging point for all troops heading into Afghanistan since 2001. More than 250,000 Canadian soldiers have passed through here on their way in and out of theatre - including our dead. The first and last of almost 50



Above left: Lt-Col Steve Brand in Afghanistan. Above: Ramp ceremony in Kandahar

Ramp Ceremonies I attended during my eight-month tour of duty in Afghanistan were at Camp Mirage.

For Canadian soldiers, the U.A.E. has been a peaceful oasis enroute to and from dangerous places and duties. It was here that we could put away our weapons, helmets and body armour, and enjoy peace and freedom for a few hours before catching connecting flights. Mirage was a transit camp with a collection of modular buildings thrown up in the desert alongside an airstrip. Mirage was our first introduction to the Emirates 50-plus degree celcius temperatures we would learn to live with in Afghanistan.

It was a little oasis complete with small patches of green grass,

an outdoor theatre, internet cafe and a gym. Memories of drawing weapons and ammo for the first time and then suiting up in body armour and helmets for the flight into Kandahar in either a C130 or C17 transport are still vivid. We took off in the dark and landed at Kandahar Airfield in the dark. We knew we were about to cross into the battle space when the crew had us don our body armour and helmets and prepare for the final rapid descent into Kandahar.

Like most Canadians, I was very aware of the repatriation ceremonies of our fallen soldiers as they returned to CFB Trenton and travelled down the "Highway of Heroes" to the coroner's office in downtown Toronto before being released to their families for burial. The images of Ramp Ceremonies we see on TV back here in Canada were taken at Kandahar Airfield, but what most Canadians don't know is that the same Ramp Ceremony was repeated again as the soldiers

arrived at Mirage some three hours after departing KAF.

Mirage served as a "quiet sanctuary" — with its own private ramp ceremony — for most of the 152 Canadian soldiers who have died in Afghanistan and whose flag-draped caskets were making the long, final journey back to their families. Lest we forget.

Lt.-Col. Steve Brand is a long-serving member of Canada's reserve army and a resident of Haliburton County since 1982. He is the CEO and founder of Tekrider, a local sporting goods manufacturer, and a licensed realtor with RE/MAX Country Living Realty Inc. in Kinmount. ■

Captain David Beatty in Afghanistan — with some home-grown Haliburton Gold

Captain David Beatty, son of Bill and Anne Beatty of Drag Lake, has been serving his country in Afghanistan for the past two and half years. For some six months in early 2008 he provided the County Voice with a fascinating weekly column on just what it was like to be part of the Canadian Forces in that war-torn country. Due to circumstances out of both Captain Beatty's (and the Voice's) control, he stopped writing for us in the fall of that year.

But now he's kindly sent us a couple of photographs before he returns home — hopefully for good. He wants to point out that the 250 ml bottle of his parent's great maple syrup (Haliburton Gold) that you can just see in the photo is worth almost as much as the real gold in Afghanistan: Beatty's been able to trade the tiny bottles of the precious liquid



A copy of the Voice next to some Haliburton Gold (courtesy the Beatty Sugar Bush) and some serious Military business on patrol in Afghanistan.

his parents send over to him (along with copies of the Voice) to tribal elders for extra supplies for his men, including cots. Thanks for the pictures, David, and safe return home! ■



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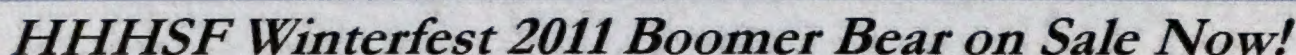
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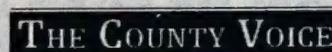
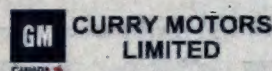


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Agencies support tougher screening

'Vulnerable sector' checks can be delayed with RCMP policy changes

By Mark Arike

Reaction to the changes implemented for criminal background checks don't seem to be causing worry for local not-for-profit groups and charities. In fact, most organization heads say that the new screening process – enforced by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – isn't causing any further delays and agree that safety and security should be the first priority.

First introduced by the RCMP in 2009, the tougher requirements target checks on those seeking employment and volunteer positions. With the changes, a person who shares the same name, birthday and gender as someone in the RCMP's criminal database must get fingerprinted. Those who have moved often in the past five years may also incur delays.

In the past, background checks conducted by the OPP would typically take a week to process; now the wait can grow to be as long as four months for individuals, according to an Oct. 18 news release from the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

"Police checks have always been in place, I just don't think they've been as popular [as they are now]," said Sandi Prentice, an administrative clerk at the Haliburton Highlands detachment for the past three years.

"This huge change came about when the RCMP had a good look at what all the police agencies were doing, and recognized that police agencies across Canada weren't following their protocol."

When a person applies to work or volunteer with an agency that requires a criminal background check, the applicant is the one who visits their local OPP detachment to have the check conducted. They are expected to bring with them valid identification as well as completed forms provided by the agency.

And for those positions that involve work around children and other "vulnerable persons" (i.e. disabled, elderly), the agency can put in a request for a vulnerable sector check. Though it's an option that was previously available to agencies, vulnerable sector checks are where most of the delays and frustration can occur, said Prentice.

"It involves a check of the Pardoned Sex Offender Database (PSOD). If you were ever convicted of a sex offence, received a pardon and came to have a standard police check done, that would never show," said Prentice, explaining that information on those pardoned for sex offenses can be retrieved in a vulnerable sector check by the RCMP.

The applicant alone may never access the PSOD, but in order for the agency to make the request, the individual must give their consent.

"If they received a pardon and we do the check, it won't actually tell us 'this person has been pardoned from a sex offense'. It will come up with some type of message stating that we need to have their fingerprints taken to confirm that it's them," said Prentice.

The additional steps, which Prentice said have added to the administrative workload, also add to the total cost of a check.

"If you're doing this for employment you're going to pay us \$26.50 to do your prints and you also have to supply us with a money order for \$25 for the RCMP's fee," said Prentice, pointing out that fees can vary from one detachment to the next.

For those applying for a volunteer position with an accredited agency, both fees are waived.

According to Prentice, the OPP informed local agencies of the changes with a letter in August, and as a result, have seen a positive spin-off from doing so.

"It's worked out well," she said, "because now a lot of the people are coming in with the right information, the right forms and the right identification."

Local agencies that The Voice spoke to don't seem to be too concerned about the possibilities of longer wait times for potential volunteers, and have yet to see an application take four months to be processed.

"No one has had to go through a four-month application," said Wendy Ladurantaye, assistant executive director of SIRCH Community Services.

A not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides community-based services such as hospice care, services for new parents and workshops, SIRCH heavily relies on volunteers to make programs possible.

"No one has come forward to say that this is an issue for them. This is just a part of due diligence," said Ladurantaye, adding that the longest she's seen a background check take was two weeks.

"I see this as a way of protecting our vulnerable population," she said.

"If it can help provide that peace of mind, we know we've done a good job."

SIRCH was first made aware of the changes last June, said Ladurantaye.

Another organization that places volunteers with vulnerable people is Big Brothers Big Sister of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton. The organization pairs adult mentors with kids in need of a male or female role model in their life.

"You might have to put volunteers through a longer process, but I think that they understand," said Jim DeFlorio, executive director of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton chapter.

Those who apply to participate in the organization's programming, said DeFlorio, have always gone through a comprehensive application and screening process.

"First, we get their personal information," explained DeFlorio of the 18-page application package that includes various personal questions, seeks character references and includes permission and release forms.

"After we get their references back, a case

manager pays them a visit and a lengthy interview takes place," said DeFlorio.

A criminal background check along with a vulnerable sector check is routine practice for the organization's 128 member agencies that service more than 1,000 communities nationwide.

DeFlorio added that his chapter receives about 32 to 33 volunteer application annually, with an average of one denied application. The longest wait he's currently seen is three weeks for an individual who underwent fingerprinting. The applicant is still waiting.

Though DeFlorio realizes that the length of the screening process might take longer when fingerprinting is thrown into the mix, he's taken a firm stance on supporting the "full screening" approach.

"If that's what it takes to make sure that our kids our safe, I'm all for it," he said.

In addition to mentorship volunteers, members of the board of directors are also screened – though not as thoroughly – and some opt to go the whole way for the experience.

"We do some screening for them... some board members go through the major screening process to see what it's like – and then they'll get involved in some of our summer programs," said DeFlorio.

Other organization directors contacted about the screening changes included the Minden Food Bank, Community Care Haliburton County and the Minden fire department – all of whom didn't

have anything negative to report at this time.

For those looking to get their background check completed, Prentice has a checklist of items that applicants should keep in mind.

"Come with the right identification, the right paperwork, and if you need to have the vulnerable sector check done, come with the request form," she said.

To find out what's required, call your local OPP detachment (in Haliburton County call 705 286-1431) or inquire with the organization you're applying to.

More information about the OPP can be found at www.opp.ca.



OPP administrative clerks Susan Hill, left, and Sandi Prentice search criminal record checks from the past year.

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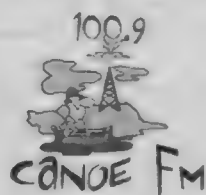


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Brohman prepares for new role, Smith takes time to adjust

By Mark Arike

In a close race that pitted two well-liked candidates against one another, a former high school principal replaced a 10-year school board trustee veteran.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, it was official: Gary Brohman – former teacher, coach and principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary with a career spanning 38 years – became the next school board trustee for Haliburton County.

Out of a total of 14,658 votes, Brohman edged out incumbent Valerie Smith by a mere 692 votes.

In what was an intense few hours, the two candidates spend election night camped out at the Dysart El municipal building, patiently waiting to see who was ahead and who was trailing.

"I knew going into the last three weeks it would be close," said Brohman in a phone interview on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Brohman, who announced that he would be running at the end of August, said he was "cautiously optimistic" as the results came in on election night.

"When results came in from Dysart I was cautiously optimistic," he explained, "but once I heard about Minden and Highlands East from Canoe [FM] that night, I kind of knew that I had won."

Brohman said that Smith, a "well-respected" trustee, ran a wonderful campaign. He explained that his win must have been due to the name he built himself over the many years in the local school system.

"I think the advantage was my name recognition. There are so many people that went to Hal High ... some knew me personally while others had grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles and kids go there," he said.

Smith, a Harcourt area resident, held the trustee position for 10 years – uncontested. The only other time that she was opposed – by three candidates – was when she first ran for the position in 2000.

"These things happen," said Smith of her loss. "There's a good feeling that it was so close. I had people say to me, 'you're two good candidates and it's hard to choose.'"

Smith also mentioned Brohman's popularity factor and said that she was apprehensive from the start.

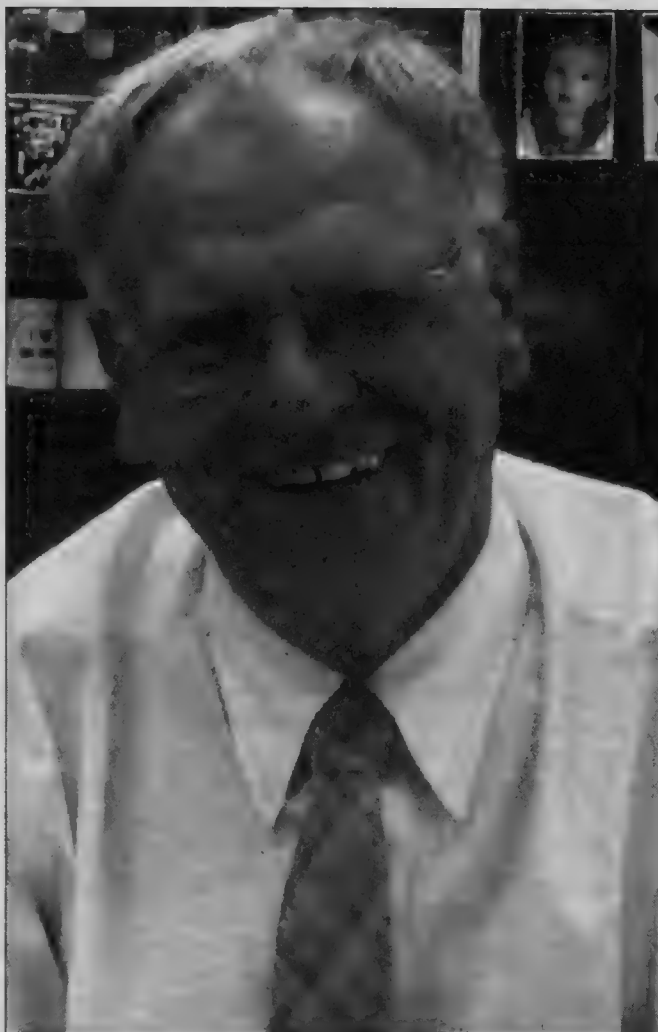
"When you think about it, he's taught two, perhaps three generations," she said. "So of course he's a well-known person."

Once the final results were announced, Smith wondered if she had done enough in her campaign.

"Could I have done more? Should I have done more? Is there anything else I could have done to reach out to people to let them



As Valerie Smith prepares to step down from her position as school board trustee for Haliburton County, the well-known and well-liked former Hal High principal, Gary Brohman, looks forward to stepping in to his newfound role. Brohman will officially be inducted to the board at a Dec. 7 ceremony in Lindsay.



know who I am?" she said of the thoughts that raced through her mind.

Phone calls, emails and door-to-door visits across the county were at the crux of her campaign work.

"I met some wonderful people," she said of the journey, which involved a lot of after hours work in addition to her duties as a trustee.

After her term officially ends on Nov. 30, Smith isn't yet sure of where she'll focus her energy – but one thing she does know is that her time spent with family will increase.

"It's [the loss] all fresh and new. My husband mentioned that we should go away and spend some time together. My children, grandkids and parents want me to take some time to rest and be with them," she said.

Smith intends to continue her involvement on several committees and is also staying busy with a book project that she expects to finish shortly.

"It will be about the early settler families in the eastern part of the county," explained Smith. "I've done a great deal of research out of the old register, back as far as the late 1800s."

Smith plans to release the book in time for the Wilberforce Elementary School's centennial anniversary.

Prior to moving to the Highlands in 1992, Smith worked in the Durham school board, primarily as a secretary. After spending many years of her life working around kids and collaborating with staff and other trustees, she said that it will be tough to

adjust.

"I will miss being with the people who have the same passion as I do."

Initiatives she's been proud to have been part of include character development, student nutrition programs like Food for Kids and technological advancements.

When asked if she'd consider running for the trustee spot in four years from now, Smith said that it's something she'd have to think about it.

"I would have to stay abreast of things for the next four years ... I will keep myself informed by visiting the Ministry of Education's web site, and staying in touch with members of the board," she said.

Smith thanked all those who supported and voted for her.

"Thank you for believing in me ... I can't say enough."

She saved her biggest thanks for her husband Mel – a person who helped knock on doors and stood by her side through thick and thin.

"He was my right-hand person and my greatest sup-

porter," she said. "I don't think I could have stood up without him being there [on election night]."

Though Brohman hasn't officially started in his new role, he's already getting prepared for the four-year road ahead.

"My first job has been to read the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) handbook and understand the duties of a trustee," he said, adding that he's also been examining Bill 177 – a bill that focuses on student achievement and well-being.

"Right now I'm going through the learning curve of being a former school employee to becoming a trustee," he said.

While on the campaign, Brohman heard of a few issues and as a trustee he plans to tackle them.

"One of the issues spoken to is user fees for school facilities for recreational activities during after hours time.

Other issues include the continuation of French immersion at the high school and bus routes," he said.

Brohman also thanked his voters and said that he would work to the best of his abilities for students, parents and staff. He also commended Smith for her work over the years and hopes to remain on good terms with the outgoing trustee.

"She's done a wonderful job; she should be applauded for her commitment," he said.

Brohman's induction will be held on Dec. 7 at the TLDSB's Lindsay board office.

The trustee position is the one and only spot on the board for a representative from Haliburton County. ■

Group initiates fundraising ideas for Dillon Tilley

By Laura Redman

About 20 people gathered at the Village Chalet restaurant in Minden Monday night to brainstorm ideas around fundraising to support Dillon Tilley and his mom Barb Bennett.

Dillon is facing another round of chemotherapy before he goes to Toronto in December to have a stem cell transplant in his battle against Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The 18-year-old Haliburton High School student has been completing a four-credit co-op course at Autumn Marketing this semester.

Autumn Robinson and Dave Arbuthnot of Autumn Marketing have been working with Dillon to create a fundraising calendar that is now available – it was designed by Dillon and incorporates his own photographs.

"It's really taken off," Arbuthnot said at the meeting Monday night. "We received an order for another 100 calendars

today."

Arbuthnot also mentioned that they are selling \$2 chocolate bars and they are looking for people or business locations who can help out with that.

Around the meeting room at the restaurant, ideas were being written on large sheets of paper on the walls and then participants voted on their favourites. By the end of the meeting, the group had decided to take forward this list of ideas: create donation boxes for area business locations; organize an indoor garage sale; organize a benefit concert at the high school; and hold a dinner/dance/silent auction.

For more information or to get involved in any of these fundraising ideas, contact Joan Featherstone at 286-4376. To order a \$10 Dillon Tilley fundraising calendar, contact Autumn Marketing at 286-1317. ■

Razzamataz kicks off 25th season

By Mark Arike

For 25 years, Razzamataz Kids Shows have been entertaining youngsters and their families through colourful, engaging and sometimes wonderfully wacky live performances. And this year's season is shaping up to be just as good, if not better, as the entertainment provided in the past.

The first show in this exciting season will take place this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton and will feature Splash 'N Boots.

A vibrant duo, Splash 'N Boots tap into the energy and creativity that make children and their parents sing, dance and laugh together. This show is packed with interactive sing-along, catchy harmonies and hilarious antics. Splash 'N Boots live is a fresh and dynamic family show that's a must-see.

For more information on this show and others, visit www.razzamataz.ca or call Dawn Hurd at 705-455-9345. ■



Keith Burns with his arms overflowing with coats for kids

Annual coat drive collects 200 coats to distribute to needy

By Laura Redman

Keith and Frances Burns collected about 200 gently used winter coats this year for the annual Coats for Kids drive that they organize.

Keith had help from members of the Haliburton Lion's Club to hand out the coats Saturday morning at the United Church in Haliburton and at the OPP station in Minden. Burns was in Minden on Saturday.

"It all started about seven years ago. I was at the dump one day and I saw someone throwing a bag of perfectly good clothes into the garbage heap, and I thought, 'Hey, wait a minute, there's lots of people that could use those clothes here,'" Burns said. Burns said he had also heard about similar programs in other areas, so he decided to start an annual coat drive in Haliburton County.

Burns said the program is free on all sides – the coats are donated, the dry cleaning services are donated by Lindsay Cleaners and the coats are handed out for free.

"Just my time," he said, "but that's okay. I like volunteering. It's really rewarding."

The coats that were not picked up on Saturday will still be available to anyone in need through local Food Banks and area schools. ■

Bowlers raise \$2,000 for ASES after-school program

By Mark Arike

Thirty-five bowlers made their way to The Fast Lane in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 6 in support of Archie Stouffer's after-school recreation program. The event raised \$2,000.

Along with the fast, pin-flying action, several door prizes were given away. During an intermission in game play, a contest was held to determine who "the king" or "queen" of the lanes would be. Roxanne Casey of Canoe FM proved to be the 'hot' bowler of the afternoon, rolling a picture-perfect strike to go down in history as queen of The Fast Lane.

County Voice staff and friends entered the event, making it their first bowl-a-thon entered. ■



June Smith gets a good look at the pins before going for it.



With a unique stance and release, seven-year-old Jonah Redman looks to strike 'em out.

Seniors celebrate on-air achievements

By Mark Arike

It appears as though seniors in Haliburton County are getting into the swing of aging outside the box.

A phrase used to describe those who remain active and involved in their communities despite their age, it's also the name that's been given to a Canoe FM radio show that provides a voice for those 50 plus.

"This is a celebration of the wrap-up of the project," said program coordinator Shelley King during a special event at the Dysart library on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Made possible by an \$18,300 grant from the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors Program, Aging Outside the Box enlisted the help of over 80 seniors who were hosts, interviewers, interviewees and offered technical support. Started last February, a total of 24 one-hour weekly radio shows were produced through the initiative.

"There was a real variety; every show was very different," reflected King. "I always thought it was a neat opportunity for people who thought it would be neat to be on the radio sometime."

Music, stories and informative facts were part of the shows that included four interviews per episode.

During the celebration of the program, many of the participants attended to hear about the results of the program and

pick up their very own copy of each show on disc.

"They're [shows] informative, entertaining and innovative," said station president Greg Roe. "What they've done for Canoe, besides give it a whole new aspect, they've generated listener interest."

Station coordinator Roxanne Casey expressed thanks to all those involved in the project and spoke of the stir some of the episodes created, such as one on tantra sex.

"Of course, that caused a flurry of calls," laughed Casey along with the crowd. "It's a great job that everyone did for bringing topics to the radio that we wouldn't normally have."

The program will continue on into the New Year, said King, with four volunteer hosts and shows airing on Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon.

CD copies of all 24 programs will be available at Community Care Haliburton County, county libraries and the long-term care facilities. ■



Shelley King, Aging Outside the Box program coordinator, gives Donna MacDonald a copy of the radio program geared towards seniors that airs on Canoe FM.

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Debbie Swanson receives direction from instructor Laura Trach at SIRCH's Sew Resourceful program currently being offered at the Minden Lion's Hall on Thursdays.

Program offers area women an opportunity to sew and grow

By Laura Redman

Life in Haliburton can be tough for many women. A lack of good jobs, a lack of transportation and the isolation that the sheer geography represents are all obstacles to employment and self-worth.

But last year, SIRCH created a program based on sewing that is not only offering the idea of a cottage industry with a decent wage, it's also offering area women the opportunity to learn, to grow, to network and to be... together.

For Kyla Grexton, Sew Resourceful has opened a new window of opportunities. The 33-year-old single mom participated in the Sew Resourceful pilot project run last year by SIRCH, and returned this fall to take part in the expanded 10-week and 20-week programs.

"I've always been a crafty person - sewing, knitting, crocheting, I pretty much do it all. And I've always wanted to find a way to do get a paycheck doing what I love."

Before this, Grexton worked in two sewing factories - and actually enjoyed it.

"I really did enjoy it. I worked in one in Peterborough and one in Barrie," Grexton said. "I've always been sewing - right back to high school - I made my own prom dress."

But Grexton found herself in a women's shelter 18 months ago with her young son and decided to come home to Haliburton County - her son will be the fourth generation in the family to attend Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"I made the mistake of leaving - the grass is greener on the other side - so I had to experience it for myself and I found myself in a bad situation so I headed back home," Grexton said.

"This has given me an opportunity - it's a new start," Grexton added. "It's lets me dip my toe in the water and it's shown me that it is possible to do what I love and turn it into a job."

Grexton said the program has not only boosted her confidence, it's opened the door to the arts world and to a future career.

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"I really think sewing is a valid skill, I really think sewing allows you to do for yourself" - Laura Trach

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"Through the pilot project, I was introduced to the art community - before I was kind of intimidated, and now they're some of the most down-to-earth people I've met," Grexton said. "They're a lot of fun, but it's also given me direction - I'm planning on taking the Fibre Arts program next fall and it's because of this program, it's opened that door to me."

Grexton has also found much-needed emotional support through the program. Several weeks ago, her grandmother's health worsened and over the weekend she died. Grexton said Linda Mintz, coordinator of Community Action Programs for Children at SIRCH was amazing - it was Mintz who suggested she attend the initial program last year - but the support of the other women in the group very helpful.

"Linda said not to stress myself out. My response to that was, I wasn't stressing myself out, this is how I de-stress - then when I called her on Monday to tell her that my grandmother had passed, she asked me if I was going to come in on Thursday," Grexton said. "She told me not to feel that I had to, but I told her that I probably more than likely would come because I need to get my mind off things and for the support that's here and for the laughs - we have quite a few laughs here so it really helps take my mind off things."

Grexton's grandmother was the one who taught her to sew and knit. "I was willing because I idolized my grandmother and I wanted to be just like her," Grexton said. "They displayed some of the quilts she had made at her wake, and that got me fired up even more," Grexton said. "That's her legacy - she left her mark on the world."

Grexton now plans to leave her own mark on the textile world. "I want to lay the foundation for a career that will allow me to stay home with him, because I think that's been highly advantageous for him, just given the situation," Grexton said. "I want to be able to be there for him, but this has helped me out too."

Textile artist Laura Trach did not teach the pilot program, but when the initial instructor decided to leave, Wendy Ladurantaye - the Assistant Executive Director at SIRCH called her up and asked her to jump in. They knew each other from the Haliburton School of the Arts - Trach is a former textile student, current teacher within the Fibre Arts program and owner of Orange Cat Studios where she produces and sells her own textile art. Trach believes strongly in the benefits of learning to sew.

"I really think sewing is a valid skill, I really think sewing allows

you to do for yourself - and that's a valuable thing to have - it's like cooking," Trach said. "So it's an important program - and I hope we can make it work the way it's supposed to - it's definitely possible."

Trach said the mandate of the program is to create a cottage industry based on sewing.

"I think it's brilliant for up here. Transportation is an issue, so this way you can be home raising your children and making a decent wage," Trach said. "It's challenging but it's more accessible than having to go out for work."

Similar to programs set up in Africa that create cottage industries for women, Sew Resourceful, aspires to create self-employment and self-worth for rural Canadian women.

"It's as relevant in this environment as it is in Africa, and if anything, it's more valid," Trach said. "Because the need to be self-sufficient is still part of the culture there as it is part of the culture here - but the self-sufficiency aspect of it needs to be re-taught. The African woman will make do and make it happen. The Canadian woman will ask how to do it. That's the skill - even more so than the cooking and the sewing - that's the skill that we've lost."

Trach said that teaching that self-sufficiency, self-confidence and decision-making abilities are all part of the process. "It goes along with the sewing, but I think that's the skill that is most relevant. Knowing that they're going to walk away, not thinking they know how to sew but knowing how to sew and knowing how to make fix-it decisions and knowing how to use the skill instead of sitting at the sewing machine at home and saying, 'I don't know what to do now and there's nobody to ask', that's what I want to teach them. I want to teach them to make a decision right or wrong and if they have to fix it they can fix it that's fine too." Trach said the program is sort of a gift - to the students and to the teacher.

"I love to teach above and beyond that paycheck - I enjoy teaching at the college - but this is completely different because there's a different motivation between these individuals and the students at the college," Trach said. "And this is my way of giving back - I like to teach - this is my skill and I like to give it back."

Trach said about half of the women in the program have arrived with sewing skills, but some are brand new to the trade - and the challenge is to create a product that's marketable.

"It has to be pretty perfect - it does," Trach said. "The reality is, we're up against a textile industry that has moved offshore where

the individuals who are sewing probably started sewing when they were four - as a job.

"If I look back at my mother's generation, she was hand sewing at a level I couldn't match now by the time she was in Grade Four or Grade Three even - and because it's cheaper to go out and buy it, we've lost that meticulousness, that skill of making it," Trach added. "Our level of good enough is sometimes not good enough - we have to work at it - and we also have to have the understanding that we can't have that level of skill until we've practiced it enough times, or it doesn't happen."

The ultimate goal of the program is that women will keep cycling through, eventually creating a group of women who will still meet up once a week - but not to learn - but to discuss product development, to plan marketing or to package items - and then return home to continue their piece-work sewing projects.

"Even though we're working with donated fabrics, we have to consider marketability and salability at a price point that is truly making money... when they get into their home and it's a cottage industry and it's piece-work - that piece-work has to be justified to an hourly wage that's acceptable."

The women were busy making yoga bags and they've also worked on beaded chokers - both items have been picked up by Gail Holness for sale in her yoga studio in Haliburton. But that week, the women were being offered a new challenge as well - find patterns for Christmas items that were simple and produceable to be offered up for sale at the SIRCH For a Perfect Christmas event.

"I'm excited about it," Trach said. "This will be something they want to make and something they come up with - and it has to be achievable," Trach added. "I think it will be fun - they'll also learn how to stand there in a booth and sell their products. It's an introduction into the real world."

The program offers a continuous intake for area women and currently meets on Thursdays at the Lion's Hall on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. For more information about the program The program also accepts the donation of sewing machines and currently needs a serger so the women can practice doing alterations. The program is also accepting donations of jeans or denim items that can be refashioned into yoga bags. Donations can be dropped off Thursday mornings in the Lion's Hall in Minden or at the SIRCH office at 4663 County Road 21, just south of Haliburton. For more information or to register for the program, call SIRCH at 705-457-1742. ■



Local teens hold successful food drive on Halloween

The idea may not have originated with them, but these Haliburton High School students successfully jumped aboard the Halloween for Hunger bandwagon this year.

The group collected 1,260 food items in Wilberforce, Haliburton and Minden on Halloween night - and some candy too...

"We weren't asking for candy," said Puru Shah, co-chair of the Interact group at the high school. "But some people insisted we take some," he laughed.

The youth said they were very happy with the generosity of the community.

Left: High school students and member of the Interact team collected food on Halloween for area food banks. Back row: Chrissy Shaw, Katlyn Diron, Puru Shah, Becky Ridsdale; and front row: Sylvia Jennings and Reema Gowani were all part of the team.

"We were just astonished," Shah added. "We want to thank everyone who donated to our cause."

The kids dropped off about 10 boxes of food at the Minden Food Bank Monday afternoon.

Barbara Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank board was on hand to receive the food.

"We're thrilled with what they achieved. It's incredible," Walford-Davis said. "Thank you so much." ■



Chyna Schell shows some enthusiastic students how to spin and sway like the wind in the Artists in the Schools program. The program is administered by the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

Students move like the wind

Artists in the Schools program underway at JDH

By Mark Arike

Dance instructor Chyna Schell showed grade four students in Sherry Schell's class how to move like hurricanes and tornadoes in an Artists in the Schools workshop on Friday, Nov. 5.

In the time leading up to the class held in the gym, students researched the storm systems that they attempted to recreate through movement under the direction of Schell.

The 23 students were scheduled to join Chyna for one more class this week.

Next month they'll be joining writer/radio personality Ron Evans, and in the spring local potter Lisa Barry will pay the students a visit.

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands has hosted the Artists in the Schools program since 2004. ■



Lion President James Lawr and Lion Marilyn Frost present a cheque to Laurie Jones and Brian Daoust of the Rail's End Gallery. The cheque represents a portion of the proceeds from the BBQ in conjunction with the Arts & Craft Festival held in July.



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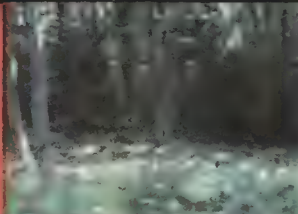
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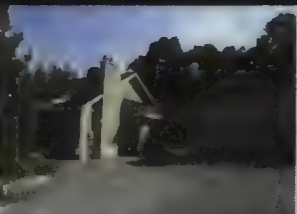
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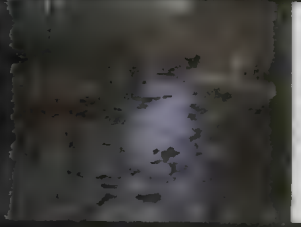
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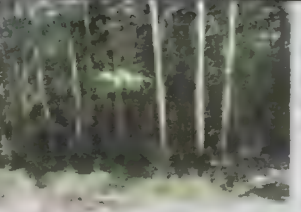
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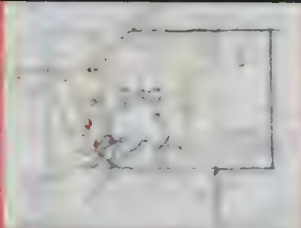
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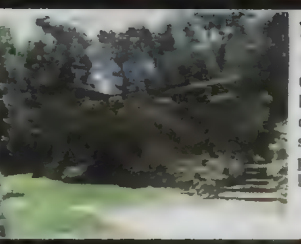
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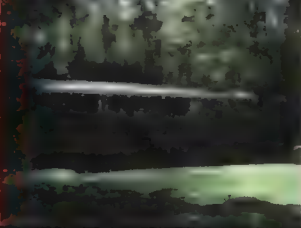
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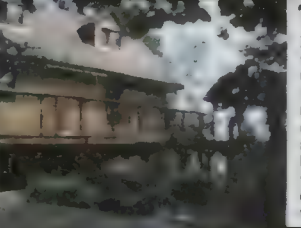
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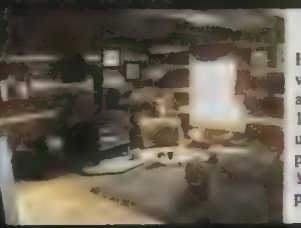
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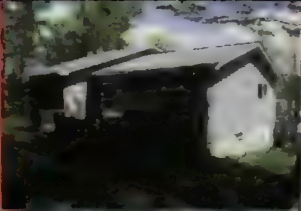
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Workshop teaches attendees how to co-exist with wildlife

By Laura Redman

Co-existing with wildlife should be relatively simple – keep all food and food waste stored properly – and stop feeding the deer.

Those were the messages delivered by the three Ministry of Natural Resources speakers at the Wildlife in Your Woodlot seminar held on Oct. 15 at the Kinark Centre and put on by the Stewardship Councils of Haliburton, Parry Sound and Bancroft.

Dr. Marty Obbard, a research scientist with the MNR out of Peterborough, has been working with black bears across the province for many years, and he offered up a talk titled 'Black bears – what's with them, and how can you reduce human-bear conflict'.

Obbard said bear behaviour has both ecological and evolutionary factors, relating to the relatively short window of time they have to bulk up before hibernating for the winter and the seasonal foods available.

"Bears are highly intelligent and they have a developed ability to exploit short-term food sources," Obbard said. "And if that's improperly stored garbage, they will keep visiting that site and keep exploiting it."

Obbard also said if a regular food source fails, bears have the ability to find new food sources and to remember that new food patch. Obbard said a typical bear will gain a kilogram a day in body mass during the summer months when they're mainly feeding on available fruit – raspberries, blueberries or cherries.

He said they survive the early spring by feeding on greens, and help bulk up in the fall on nuts. Bears also have a very unusual reproductive system that, in a bad food year, allows a female to delay having cubs.

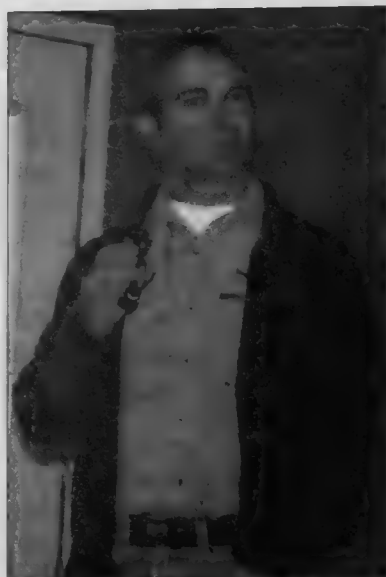
"She's technically pregnant," Obbard said. "But the egg does not implant in her uterus – so a physiological decision has been made to delay that pregnancy." He spoke of this happening specifically within the 1995-1996 seasons – with a food failure in 1995, leading to no cubs being born in 1996 – and then in 1997, a very large number of cubs being born.

He said in the world of bears, size matters – females will deliberately choose a mate that is larger and stronger than others, and larger females have higher reproductive success and a larger number of cubs that survive.

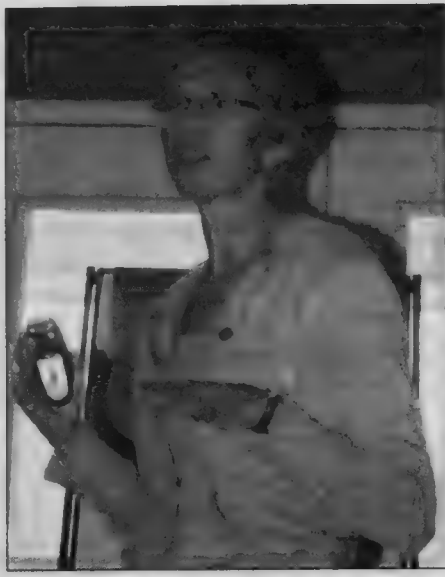
"There is a tremendous pressure on both males and females to achieve a larger body size," Obbard said. "They're driven to find that food and that's what precipitates them to come into conflict with us."

Obbard said if people would just learn to store garbage properly, bear-human conflicts would be reduced by up to 60 per cent. Obbard also suggested that bird feeders only be used from November to April – during the hibernation season – and that if people really need to 'bear-proof' a garden or area, they need to follow the instructions on installing electric fences found on the Bear-Wise page of the MNR website at: www.mnr.gov.on.ca.

Dr. Brent Patterson, a research scientist with the MNR, is a recognized expert on the behaviour and patterns of wolves and coyotes in Ontario. He's recently been working on a research project in Prince Edward County in the Quinte Region, studying the patterns of animals that locals have long identified as wolves.



Brent Patterson



Jan McDonnell



Marty Obbard

are a large variety of animals that people are calling wolves," Patterson said. "But I'm almost certain that there are no wolves in Prince Edward County."

While Patterson said there might be some wolf/coyote hybrids there, and said that hybrids are also very common in the Haliburton area. Patterson outlined the history of wolves and coyotes – saying that coyotes are not native to Ontario and that their presence was first confirmed in 1919. He said now, experts can't draw a hard line on a page to say exactly which species lives where in southern Ontario – coyotes, eastern wolves or a hybrid of both. "However, we think of wolves as being more reclusive," Patterson said, adding that the stories of large numbers of coy-dogs now existing in Ontario is just not justified – "That's extremely rare." Patterson said that when it has happened, the females are usually infertile and if they do successfully mate, they coy dog does not provide appropriate care to their young, putting their pups at huge risk for survival.

Patterson said that the size of coyotes and wolves is also often exaggerated – a male Eastern wolf usually weighs from 55-75 pounds, the female, 45-55 pounds, while a typical Eastern coyote male is even smaller – weighing in from 35-45 pounds, and the females 30-35. While the gray wolf is a larger animal, it's also very rare in this area – a male can weigh from 80-100 pounds, and the female 70-90. He said there was a 140-pound male found just north of Cochrane, but that would be at the upper limit of size for the province.

As for the features of the animal, wolf, coyote or hybrid, Patterson said it often takes a genetic analysis to figure out which animal is which.

"It's now very rare to find a pure Eastern wolf," Patterson said. "The majority of animals are hybrids or coyotes." Patterson said a decision is looming within the next two years to label the Eastern wolf as an animal of special concern on the endangered animal list.

He described wolves as both territorial and social – they live in family groups and in Ontario, those pack sizes are fairly small.

"They are very territorial and will defend their territory," Patterson said. "That territory may be up to 100 square kilometres in the North Kawartha, but further north, they will have bigger territories. It all depends on the availability of their food source."

While beaver are a favourite food source for these animals, Patterson said, they will also hunt moose and deer – and livestock.

"Why wouldn't they?" Patterson said. "They may suffer fractured skulls and broken ribs going after a larger animal – but it would be very rare for a coyote to get hurt attacking a sheep. It's all about risk versus reward."

Patterson said good fencing is one key to keeping livestock safe – or in other words, make it to energetically expensive for coyotes or wolves to launch an attack.

"But there is no magic bullet," Patterson said. "To install a 100 per cent wolf or coyote proof fence would be unaffordable, but you can minimize those losses and help to

prevent them." He said it's been proven that humans can eliminate wolves from the landscape, but no one has yet been able to get rid of coyotes. He said if these predators have become a problem there are a few things people can do. First of all, stop feeding the deer.

"The deer become dependent on an unnatural food supply and if you're concentrating deer at a feeder, you're also going to be concentrating wolves and coyotes too – you're going to bring them in," Patterson said.

"And you're just making it easier for wolves and coyotes." Patterson said that targeting one pack of wolves or coyotes is also not the way to go because another pack will just move in to take its place.

"If you must control them, then hire highly trained trappers to target the breeding males," Patterson said. However, he also cautioned that much of the fear around the 'big, bad wolf' is not rational.

"If it's not showing fear of you, then yes, it's probably dangerous," Patterson said. "But the likelihood of that happening is very low."

Patterson said there have been cases where wolves and coyotes have become habituated to people – especially when there is a food source attracting them – such as the burying of dead livestock on farms or feeding deer.

"Coyotes will eat pretty much anything. They need less food and they can survive on smaller animals," Patterson said. "Wolves however, have a higher food requirement and they tend to prey on the larger, hoofed species."

Jan McDonnell, a natural heritage biologist with the MNR, has spent years studying the white-tailed deer in central Ontario. She explained that deer like to inhabit young forests, and that they will consume up to 4 kilograms of green plant material per day in the summertime.

"They are very selective about eating high protein, high energy and highly digestible plants," McDonnell said. "They switch diets continually as plants grow and flower," she added.

McDonnell said deer need to accumulate fat reserves to survive throughout the winters – which is especially difficult for the does that are pregnant throughout the winter. While deer will feed on clover, acorns, beechnuts and other high energy foods during the summer, they survive the winter by eating what is called 'browse' – the new twig growth on shrubs. While deer will lose weight on this diet, they can use their fat reserves for up to three months.

As for habitat, McDonnell said that deer prefer conifer shelter that offers a microclimate effect, shelters them from harsh winds and snow that is less deep. While McDonnell said many people believe they need to feed deer throughout the winter, she also discourages that practice.

"If you really want to help the deer during the winter, you can create a set of trails on your property with a snowmobile or snowshoes that will allow them to find the browse they need to survive."

McDonnell said the disadvantages outweigh the advantages – including creating aggressive behaviours and social stress, interfering with normal metabolic changes that deer exhibit in winter, increased risk of predators by concentrating the deer in one area, and exposing the deer to potential disease – including an incident of deer bleeding out after being fed corn – a food that is not natural and that they have trouble digesting.

McDonnell said the feeding could also lead deer to go places they wouldn't normally go.

"We've had cases where deer are being drawn across highways, leading to increased deer-vehicle collisions and the OPP are very frustrated with this practice," McDonnell said.

As far as keeping deer out of a garden, McDonnell said she's had success with building a 2.5 metre chicken wire fence around her garden.

"We just need to start thinking like a wild animal," McDonnell said, "and learn to understand what motivates them."

McDonnell shared the favourite animal philosophy of her daughter.

"She said, 'I like to know they're alive and well, but I don't have to like them – I just want to live and let live.'"

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Sledders delighted at success of Fall training camp

By Will Jones

By the almighty commotion coming from a clearing amidst a stand of white birch you knew something dramatic was about to happen. The yapping and howling built to a crescendo and then suddenly silence.

Seconds later, a sled dog team bursts forth from the bush, powering past pulling an ATV behind it. It moves fast and straight down the narrow woodland trail, the dogs pulling, working, concentrating where just a few moments earlier they'd been yelping and barking with child-like excitement at the coming run.

This is the magic of a sled dog ride, be it perched on an ATV or standing on the runners of a sled: the thrill to see these exuberant dogs' joy as they are harnessed, followed by the exhilaration as they set to work, serious in their intent to give you the ride of a lifetime.

But, as with most things, the final act is so often preceded by lots of hard work, and, the weekend of October 23rd saw the Ontario Federation of Sled Dog Sports hold its autumn training camp in Gelert.

Based on the property of David and Cheryl Bathe, the mushers and their teams had over 11 km of groomed trails on which to give their dogs their first real run-out in the build up to the winter racing season. Around 75 mushers and their dog teams attended the event, coming from Kitchener, Bonfield, Markham, even across the border in Quebec.

Local federation member Gail Perrin organised the event, with the help of club president Sue Moss. "We had a great time," said Perrin. "Everyone got to run their dogs and meet and mingle with each other, which we don't often get the chance to. On the racing circuit the long distance



Photos by Eleanor Bathe



Steve Todd, owner of Todd's Independent Grocer, gives a \$1,800 cheque to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member Don Popple, middle, and executive director Dale Walker.

Nine hundred toonies add up for health services

By Mark Arike

Through a two-week "Toonie at the till" campaign, Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton raised \$1,800 for health services in the Highlands.

During the summertime fundraiser, customers were asked if they wanted to make a two-dollar donation to the cause while going through the checkout with their items.

The funds will be used in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's (HHHSF) \$140,000 campaign for new equipment for both Haliburton and Minden health care facilities.

This was the second consecutive year that Steve Todd, owner of the store, chose to contribute to the HHHSF. ■

and sprint teams are often based in different areas, so the chance to get to know them better was great."

Steven Lavolette, of Tuuluwak Sleddogs, agrees, "We think it was a great success. Everyone had a lot of fun together, got to hang out and talk with each other. Mushers aren't always the most sociable people, there's a reason we work with dogs! So these get-togethers are always a bonus since they bring us out of our shells."

The variety of people at the event was surprising. Teams such as Linda Lawson's included over 20 dogs, which her son has been racing for eight years now. Similarly, Ray and Janice Erker, of Paws-e-Trax Dogsleds racing kennel, had a big contingent of lean Alaskan huskies, all of whom got a good workout over the two day event. Ray Erker said: "The social side of things is nice but getting the dogs out on unfamiliar trails is the real reason we like these events." Conversely, Jenn Ayr was a first timer to the event and an admitted novice. "I've come to learn more about the sport and how to get the most out of my dogs," she said.

Lavolette brought just four of his dogs, from a kennel of 21. "We came because many of the members invited us as they do every year, and, since we have just moved to the area, we decided to come along and have some fun with everyone and get to see my huskies on some new trails." Saturday, the main training day, started early with teams heading off around the winding forest trails as early as eight o'clock. Lunchtime brought all the mushers together in the Bathe's

beautiful barn for food and talk of all things husky.

Linda Lawson grinned broadly as she walked her husky puppies around the camp in the warty afternoon sunlight. "We just love our dogs to bits," she said, "but you can't keep 'em all. You want to buy one?"

Vendors at the event got to showcase their wares, too. The Kickbike Ontario stand brought lots of interest. These unusual adults' scooters are now being used more and more often by leisure-time mushers who harness their dogs to the bike and career hell for leather through the undergrowth.

Similarly, local company Northern Naturals got people talking with its range of raw dog foods, made from local humanely raised meats. It may interest you to know that the doggy smell that your pooch can pong of may all be down to the variety of food that you feed it. Raw foods I'm told do not make your dog smell!

Everyone at the training camp looked to be having a great time, especially the dogs. Perrin says comments from mushers have been really positive. "They love the place; the trails were great and David and Cheryl's [Bathe] hospitality wonderful. People are already asking if we can hold it here again next year, and, David says he enjoyed having us, so you never know." Commenting on the event, David Bathe said it was great to be able to host it. "It is a thrill to see these wonderful dogs and to be able to meet so many interesting people. We know Gail and were glad to be able to help. Me and my family have thoroughly enjoyed it." ■

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Turning your shoulder season upside down

By Liz Danielsen

With the advent of the new regional tourism organizations, this year's 'Beyond the City Lights' conference in Bancroft drew a much wider group of participants, particularly from Haliburton County. Hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Municipal Affairs and a number of area tourism partners, the focus of the conference was placed on improving business during the shoulder seasons.

Attendees at the conference were welcomed by Bancroft Mayor Lloyd Churchill and Hastings Highlands Mayor Ron Emond who spoke on behalf of the Hastings County Council. Emond, who said that Hastings County was taking tourism seriously, acknowledged that much of the area is underdeveloped.

According to Emond, Hastings is the only county that has completed the Premier Ranking process and is now partnering with the tourism industry to respond to the Premier Ranked audit.

Emond stressed the need for everyone in the area to be knowledge based in order to be successful in tourism. He used Newfoundland as a shining example of a place where all of the locals know everything there is to know about the island, regardless of where you stop. "They will promote their island and invite you into their homes and even though they may be 50 years behind us in many ways, they have a better handle on how to promote their area than we do."

Key note speaker Bill Allen talked about 'Out-

smarting the competition – not out spending them." He offered some ideas about making better use of resources and spoke to local challenges.

Allen stressed the need for tourism operators to clearly define their competition, their target market and the experience that they have to offer by working more proactively with other stakeholders. According to Allen, competition for tourism operators doesn't come from neighbours, regional partners or urban areas, but rather they came from rural outdoor destinations in other countries.

"You can attract more people by working together with other operators. For example, instead of a number of small ads in a paper, it's better to get together on a larger ad that lists all of the things that visitors can do in the area."

He asked everyone to name their target market, considering geography, demography and lifestyles; responses included both Ottawa and the GTA or people within a two hour radius, a large percentage of which are seniors and international travellers seeking outdoor adventures or to explore Ontario in a general way.

Allen said that people require a compelling reason to choose a place when trying to decide where to travel. He said that distance is a factor but it is something that can be balanced out by the specific product being offered, something that requires solid marketing. "They're seeking either a destination or an experience. Bancroft would not be my first choice of places to go, so you have to look at how to shift that."

"Avoid the shotgun approach and focus your marketing dollars. You cannot be all things to all people. When defining what might be a memorable experience, put yourself in your visitor's shoes and try to create a compelling reason for them to visit. But most important, you have to try to define a unique experience that isn't available in other parts of the country."

Bring your competitors in and package 'like' products, consider the time frame that people will spend and the lifestyle they may be looking for, whether it is fun seeking, family oriented activities or adventure."

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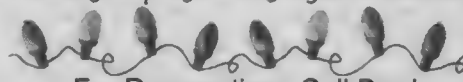
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Pushing tourism in November and April

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Minden's Sunny Rock B&B owner Sally Moore gave an example of how people in the same business can team up and work together. "In the Haliburton Highlands we have a number of up-scale B&B's where people can cycle or hike (or even canoe) between locations. Meanwhile, we have determined a way to have their belongings moved from one place to another while they enjoy the outdoors."

Allen talked about expanding the shoulder seasons, the overall theme of the conference. He stressed the need for local champions starting with current customers, encouraging them to take day trips or weekend getaways that are best suited for the season. He also suggested linking up with other destination marketing organizations (DMOs) to organize special festivals and events to draw people to the area.

In talking about stretching promotional dollars, Allen said that area destinations guides had to be assessed for their effectiveness. "Look at what distribution channels are the most effective; partner with your neighbours and get the best bang for your buck. Buy into a regional approach through your RTO, look into a booking agent and investigate media hooks. By partnering your reach becomes much broader."

New media was also a key component in Allen's mind. "You must have an interactive or dynamic website that is tourism focused and linked to a booking system. Your site must shout experience and tourism."

The benefits of using social media was emphasized again later in the conference through the use of facebook to keep contacts apprised of improvements, promotions and ongoing events.

"If you're to grow in any significant way you have to find people from outside of your borders, otherwise we're just moving people around," he said, adding that it was imperative to get the US market back.

One person voiced no small amount of frustration with the attitude of many area locals. He used as an example a common bumper sticker that says 'If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them.' Suggestions were made that it would be far more appropriate to see banners flying that said 'welcome back, we've missed you.' Another operator later commented, tongue in cheek, that 'the bag limit on tourists had been reduced to two, showing a willingness by locals to become a bit friendlier.'

Allen, picking up on this, said that it was absolutely key to show local people and businesses in the area that they would not survive without visitors. He referred to a program called Enabling Change that will be introduced in January and is geared toward improving customer service standards.

Richard Innes of Brain Trust Marketing talked about destination development as a missing link. He spoke of the importance of creating new reasons for people to visit, based on market trends and demand. "Market demand isn't about destination, it's about experience," he said, and spoke about the social value of tourism.

"What motivates travel in Ontario? Tourism is often driven by a personal need which equals social value or a person's mental state. Tourism delivers on a better perspective; it rejuvenates, creates better relations, strengthens family ties and creates greater open mindedness. It often expands personal horizons. Social tourism is a balance of variety, novelty, familiarity and risk."

When examining underdeveloped tourism assets, Innes said that if an operator doesn't have these, they are in trouble. "These are the things you that you can focus on and develop for the future. The Premier Ranked Tourism Destination Framework provides you with a clear picture of the current position of a tourism destination, what the gaps are and how you can improve the destination as a long term success. For example, this area will pursue rocks and minerals as destination development."

Innes then introduced Eileen Lum, Tourism Manager for Northumberland Tourism, Keri King, Tourism Manager for Durham and Fiona Dawson, Director of Tourism for Peterborough and the



Eileen Lum (Northumberland Tourism), Keri King (Regional Municipality of Durham) and Fiona Dawson (Peterborough and the Kawarthas Tourism) take part in a panel to discuss the benefits of Premier Ranking.

Kawarthas. These individuals talked about the Premier Ranked experience in their areas and the benefits of the process.

Lum, who said that Northumberland had completed their Premier Ranked in 2008 in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and a number of tourism partners, said that despite a diversity of attractions, the 11 DMO's in the county had still not been seeing the growth they had anticipated. "We saw ourselves as the destination. We were close to the US market, the GTA and Ottawa, but we were still not developing. We found that there was a disconnect between tourism organizations and recognized the need for strategic direction and assessing our assets."

Lum stressed the importance of an ambassador program that trained front line staff as well as local residents. She said that the Premier Ranked program had helped to raise awareness with elected officials and gain funding. "Now we have community champions and working groups and I believe the process has moved us ahead significantly."

King, who had previously operated a Jazz and Blues festival, said she had been a stakeholder while the Premier Ranked was being done. "It enabled me to see that the process pulled the industry together and it morphed into the Durham Tourism Team."

Dawson talked about the partnerships that had been created as a result of the Premier Ranked process and how it had improved funding opportunities for Peterborough and the Kawarthas. "All of our success since the process comes from building on service provision and developing tourism awareness with the locals."

In the next session, Beth Potter, Executive Director of Camping in Ontario and someone well known for placing a strong focus on rural Ontario said she had eight simple, low cost ideas to build on the shoulder seasons and show a great return.

Potter spoke of the importance of having a guest book and using the information in it to establish an on line guestbook, and said "Even the negative comments in a guestbook can help."

She suggested sending out postcards giving guests a reason to return. These included special promotions or inviting previous guests to stay during an event like the fall studio tours. Being visible and ensuring that promotional materials were available in the travel information centres was another idea, along with using local radio stations by sponsoring trivia questions and creating special promotions to draw people back.

Potter recommended that tourism operators reintroduce themselves to the locals by offering special discounts to locals. She said, "Promote being a tourist in your own hometown."

She also emphasized the need for partnering, knowing what your trade association does for you and sharing in that experience and using social media to the greatest extent possible. "Facebook gives you feedback and reaches groups of all ages."

Kathy Kennedy, Executive Director of Taste the County, a destination marketing organization for Prince Edward County talked about how the County had established a creative rural economy through partnerships. "We're working on establishing consistent branding. It started as a celebration of harvest but now focuses

on a tourism experience that includes the arts and celebrating regional cuisine through food and wine fairs."

Kennedy described several of the festivals in Prince Edward County that have become a focus during shoulder seasons including Countylicious (a partnership between approximately 10 restaurants), Maple in the County (one of the top ten festivals in Canada), the Arts Trail and the Taste Trail (what foodies are calling an authentic epicurean experience.)

Kennedy suggested that it was most important to focus on the basic principles of tourism development, to have fun and to keep your sense of humour.

And speaking of having fun, business owner and avid geocacher Mary Barker of Wilberforce then gave a presentation on how geocaching can also expand the shoulder seasons and make a small town a desired destination.

Barker who started out as a 'muggle' or someone who wasn't a geocacher, described herself as the least techie person in the whole world, but said she and her family had grown to love a very technical game. "If I can do it, anyone can."

She described geocaching as treasure hunting with a high tech twist and explained how the game worked. (For more details on the geocaching, check out www.geocaching.com.)

According to Barker in August of 2000 geocaching got started with 75 caches. Today, she said there are over one million caches worldwide. "Why is it so popular? Because anyone can play and everyone can find some aspect of the game that appeals to them; techies, puzzle solvers and especially outdoor enthusiasts."

Barker, a.k.a. Sticky Moose, talked about how her small community had embraced the activity. "We were one of seven small communities sandwiched between Haliburton and Bancroft that was looking for a new twist on tourism."

Supported by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Municipality of Highlands East, and working with the Algonquin Gateway Business and Tourist Association, Wilberforce and Greater Surroundings (WGS) became the Geocaching Capital of Capital. "We held meetings with local business owners to show them how they could benefit (sale of gas, shopping, restaurants, B&B's and resorts). People have been known to spend a few days in the area geocaching and have decided to buy a cottage in the area. We all benefit."

Barker, who travels to a variety of trade shows and fairs to promote the activity, said, "It might take a little cache, but it benefits everyone."

She also said that the activity had brought a significant amount of media attention. Geocaching has been extended into the shoulder seasons by holding a spring 'Sugar Shack Shuffle' and an annual Halloween cache event. "It brings people in the spring and back in the fall and fills up all of the accommodations in town. It gets people to check out your area, stay overnight and check out many of the beautiful local spots that only the locals know about." ■

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The land between many rocks and some hard places

By Terrance Gavan

If you love a good conspiracy theory, you'll be ticked that you missed an especially intriguing lecture last Saturday. Here was noted Heritage One researcher William A. Allen holding up a book entitled "Lies My Teacher Told Me," a US national best-seller by author James Loewen.

Allen told an audience gathered at Fleming College last Saturday that, "We've largely discounted the Chinese exploration prior to Columbus."

Say what? I never did trust my Grade 10 history teacher Father Lou MacDonald – something about that red hair and the Antigonish accent.

Allen says that Chinese ships were rounding the tip South America and up to the Florida coast and Puerto Rico long before Chris Columbus was a gleam in his dad's eye.

In fact there is speculation that Columbus set sail with detailed charts of Guadeloupe and Puerto Rico already in hand. Drawn by whom? Well, that's grist for future mills.

Chinese sailing expeditions and rejuvenated historical perspectives on exploration to the new world; just several of the many tidbits delivered by Allen in the course of his 25 minute presentation at "The Land Between – Science and Stewardship Symposium" (held Friday and Saturday Oct 15-6 at Fleming College).

The manipulation of history is an especially interesting field of study for Canadian historians.

It has been said that the history of a conquered land is writ by the victors.

Just ask any French Canadian historian. Les Quebecois lost a grip of their own historical records shortly after the Battle of Quebec; AKA - Plains of Abraham.

To the English victors went the spoils and to the losers?

A wiggly battle to acquire their own history that lasted to the silent revolution in 1960s Quebec.

In North America, post 1492, the most significant battle in North America occurred not on the land, but in the immune systems of the local population.

Flu pandemics, smallpox, and tuberculosis were responsible for the extermination of a large portion of First Nations people long before Samuel de Champlain led those first sorties against the indigenous class.

William Allen is a cultural researcher with particular expertise and interest in The Land Between.

The Land Between?

Right here in the Haliburton Highlands, and up to the Georgian

Bay and Lake Simcoe shores.

Right now researchers and archeologists are discovering evidence that The Land Between was originally utilized by First Nations as a place of refuge, a safe harbor from the encroachment of European explorers – and that noxious spread of foreign bacteria.

Most of us learned in high school, that these lands were the original home of the Iroquois, Huron's and other First Nations people. That they had lived there for many, many generations before the European campaign of exploration and settlement.

Allen speaking Saturday morning allowed that historians got it wrong.

And all because we are becoming aware of inland exploration of The Land Between long before Champlain's westward exploration.

"In 1635 Jacques Cartier sailed as far west as Montreal," says Allen. "In the following seven decades Europeans are not recorded as venturing any further inland than Tadoussac near the mouth of the St. Lawrence. However, the science of archeology now provides evidence that throughout the decades from 1535 to 1615 The Land Between was affected by two major western influences – disease and trade."

"By the time Champlain crossed part of the Land Between in 1615 and left a record of personalities such as Tessouat (chief of the Allumette Island tribe of Algonquins), Iroquet and Ochasteguin, European influences on Aboriginal mobility were well established even though Champlain did not understand or record them."

Remember that Cartier died in 1557. Long before Champlain was credited with his own inland incursions.

Allen says that Cartier was at Montreal in 1535, 38 years after John Cabot (Giovanni Caboto) and 80 years prior to Champlain.

First Nations' people noted the ravages of white settlement long before actual historical records. "Ten percent of Stataconans die from disease as early as 1535," says Allen.

The indigenous First Nations had no idea what was causing the sickness, but Allen allows that they did know enough to remove themselves from the presence of the white explorers.

It was, says Allen, the rampant spread of disease that led to many First Nations people to come to The Land Between.

Back then the rivers and lakes teemed with the North American Eel, a major source of food for the aboriginals. At the time the eel populations made up one half of the total fish population extant in the St. Lawrence, Ottawa River, Lake Couchiching and Lake Ontario and indeed most bod-

ies of water in Ontario and Quebec.

Allen says that the eels made excellent travelling foods, high in fat and protein.

It was a large part of the diet of the Iroquoian speaking people from 1300-1500.

And a full 70 years before Champlain, we have European artifacts located at Benson Lake. (An Ontario archeological site now being studied to further the historical picture of The land Between at a time when no European influence was thought to exist.)

"There's a trading post at the Benson site," says Allen.

Dr William Commanda, an Algonquin elder said: "There is no part of this land (The Land Between) that my people did not know."

Commanda says that his people came to escape the ravages of European disease in the mid-1500s.

They found solace, good hunting and fishing in the areas in and around Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching.

But, says Allen, the natural assertion that this was their traditional home, is under the microscope.

Allen says that The Land Between in the 1550s relates to the modern Land Between, which because of its extensive pool of biodiversity has the potential to become Ontario's most studied landscape."

Allen says that global warming and a rising need for solace from urban centers may once again make The Land Between a focal point for population growth in the 21st Century.

Allen's fear is that urban spread will continue to envelop The Land Between.

"We have no large urban centers here right now and we have a lot of baseline data now (from dig sites), but that will change," explains Allen. "So it is important to collect artifacts (before the land becomes built up). Let's go full bore and proceed with this."

And of course with artifacts come the historical perspective. And history must be adjudicated - not by the victors. History must be writ by a thorough examination of the facts. ■



Heritage One researcher William A Allen

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Sad day for a charmed team –

Hawks bow to Lions in Kawartha gridiron finale

By Terrance Gavan

If you know the hurt.

If you can recall a time when you cried after a tough loss in a sudden-death playoff.

If you are familiar with the punctured pangs of "if-only's" or "what-if's" that play ceaselessly through a revolving loop of noodle-borne video.

If.

If, after a seminal loss, you have found yourself reflecting, somewhat bitterly, on a Rudyard Kipling rant and rhyme of the same name.

Then you may find it easier to relate to the entrenched disappointment felt by a Hal High senior football team.

A Red Hawks' football team that found thwarted dreams at the end of no rainbow last Friday afternoon at Gary Brohman Field in a 21-7 loss to the Adam Scott Lions.

The loss after a lovely season in the sun, wind and cold drizzle drifting off Head Lake.

The Lions - who finished their regular season at 5-1 - won their Kawartha semi final 20-7 over Holy Cross last Tuesday. Adam Scott actually handed the Hawks their only setback of the season, a 14-7 exhibition game loss on an off-Friday, earlier this year.

Not much in the way of surprises in this championship final.

The Hawks relied on their steady, sturdy tailback Tyler Wood to carry the ball. The Adam Scott coaching staff did its de rigueur homework and had several players keying on the Hawks most potent asset.

Quarterback Scott Griffith was given a green light to throw the ball and completed several nice passes to Luke Watson.

Early Adam Scott turnovers including a Watson interception and a subsequent fumble recovery gave the Hawks two strategic field positions from the Adam Scott 30 and 35 yard lines late in the first and early in the second quarter.

On both occasions the Hawks failed to score a point.

With only 1:46 left in the first half Lions quarterback Alec Reid capped a 63-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown pass on second and goal from the five. The impressive drive was paced by their diminutive tailback Tyler Stinnison who ran both off-tackle and up the gut to power to three drive-sustaining first downs in that half-ending touchdown march.

The Lions took that 7-0 lead to the halftime break, with the game still very much in doubt.

That changed suddenly in the third quarter when Stinnison scored from deep in Lions territory, galloping for a 63 yard scamper to paydirt and a 14-0 lead.

The heart-wrenching component of that play revolved not around the deadening finality of the final 40 yards of uncontested turf, but in the fact that Stinnison had been wrapped up five yards behind the line of scrimmage by three Hawk defenders.

After emerging miraculously from that scruffle, Stinnison was hit twice more at the line of scrimmage before suddenly emerging from the fray;

and looking at a literal cakewalk to the endzone.

With so much time invested into what - until that uncharacteristic play - had been a superb defensive battle, the untimely lapse hit the Hawks' sideline with a resounding and almost palpable thud.

The Lions scored again with 4:45 left in the fourth quarter after Hawks punt returner Greg Baumgartner made a valiant attempt to remove the ball from the endzone and subsequently fumbled, resulting in a Lions special teams touchdown.

The 21-0 deficit late in the fourth quarter was soul-sucking.

But the Hawks never quit.

Not once.

Epitomized by a Scott Griffith scramble for a TD - followed by a Jesse Lefebvre convert - with under a minute left in the game.

Coach Tim Davies and Derek Little tended to the team in a post game huddle.

Always a hard time for both coaches and players; and for many Hawks, the end of a long season was etched in bas-relief on their mud-soaked faces.

Disappointment.

Something that coach Davies addressed post-game.

"There's always a lot of emotion that's going to come out at this point in time," said Davies, checking over his shoulder to ensure that his team was okay. "We had some chances in the first half and we didn't capitalize and then we had a chance at two field goals that went just wide."

He concurred that the Stinnison touchdown was a pivotal turning point.

"You know what?" said Davies. "He should have been tackled in the backfield five yards deep and (because it was a second down) they should have been punting against the wind on that play."

Of course Davies knows it's folly to reach back in hindsight.

"All week we communicated to our young men that every play was a potential TSN turning point," said Davies. "So we told them to get ready to play every play like it was the big play."

Davies said they had their chances, but, the big plays went the other way on Friday afternoon at Gary Brohman Field.

"They're a very good team," said Davies. "They beat us earlier in that exhibition and although the coaching staff said they were green this year, graduating 17 starters from last year. But I said to coach Kula earlier this season that I thought they would be there in the end."

"So kudos to them, they played well."

Pivot Scott Griffith, playing his cohort year was

one player who realized just how much was at stake and he wore the loss like a veteran.

Disappointment etched on that muddled face, he was disappointed but his gaze was direct and eyes clear.

"They (Adam Scott) were really good today," said Griffith. "We had chances ... but... we didn't get it done."

The fallow reconstruction now left to the coaches.

The summary of this season already written on the big board.

And no Hawks heads' hung as coach Davies presented the trophy at center field to the Lions. And if?

Nuzzled in the muzzle of next year. ■



Trailing 21-0 in their Kawartha final against Adam Scott Lions, quarterback Scott Griffith was forced to look downfield during the second half. Griffith scored the only Hawks TD in a 21-7 loss. Photo by Gav.

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Gav on Sports

Hockey Hall of Fame awards engenders spit and drizzle from an unlikely source

By Terrance Gavan

Okay I get it.

The TorStar's Rosie DiManno is a girl stuck in a dude's world.

A terminally bright and wonderfully talented columnist, she cut her teeth in sports and has moved forward to produce eye-popping correspondence from some of the world's hot spots.

Her reportage from the gawker backdrop of the Afghanistan elections was gutsy, edgy and raw.

I like Rosie. She's a formidable talent.

I have always been drawn to her sports writing, simply because she's a stretched envelope in a twitter-cheep, dumb-downed world.

Cantankerous when she needs to be. Seldom reclusive with her opinions.

No surprise then that she was front and center in the Star's coverage of the induction of the first women – Angela James and Cammi Granato – to the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday (Nov 8) night.

That Rosie was a bit less than genteel or politically correct in her assessment of the landmark event was de rigueur.

"The first woman to have her name engraved on a Stanley Cup was Marguerite Norris" writes DiManno. "The year was 1954 and her Detroit Red Wings had just won the NHL championship. Ditto the next year."

Norris was the eldest daughter of deceased owner James Norris and oversaw the Wings until a palace coup removed her.

"If any female deserves recognition by the Hockey Hall of Fame — and I'm not convinced that moment has arrived, despite Monday night's induction of (James and Granato) as estrogen trailblazers enshrined in the Yonge St. tabernacle — it should probably have been Marguerite in some builder or executive category," says DiManno.

"I mean, this appears more a socially engineered exercise in smashing gender barriers than rewarding sublimely skilled players whose careers reached superlative heights of grandeur. There are plenty of Olympic and world hockey squad

gold medalists, male division, who'll never get so much as a sniff at Hall selection."

And so what's your point Rosie?

The fact that male players are stronger, faster and more famous than their female counterparts like Granato, James, or Hayley Wickenheiser, should have no bearing on eligibility in the Hall of Fame.

For a time the NHL beancounters didn't allow players named Valeri (Kharelemov) and Vladislav (Tretiak) a spot at the altar.

That changed because demographics – goofy gob-smacked xenophobe Don Cherry notwithstanding – demanded change.

Rosie – if you can wiggle your way to the end of this extremely tangential sally forth to circular and cockeyed logic – concludes that entitlement programs for women's sports have muddied the waters.

"There is a world of difference between recreational sports, which should always be open to everybody, and elite competition that aspires to greatness," says Rosie. "That quality isn't there yet for women's hockey. And the Hall of Fame is no country for old broads whose only claim to fame is that they played a man's game, feminized."

And boy, am I glad that she wrote that; and not me.

The stark implication being that Canada's women's team is a basement rental in the grand scheme.

I met Hayley Wickenheiser some years back, and don't fancy my chances in a straight up, no-holds barred donnybrook. On or off ice.

So Hayley. If you've got future plans for Ms DiManno, please let me know. Have camera; will travel.

And of course DiManno is dead wrong.

I was listening to a full phalanx of young female hockey players reacting to the Hall of fame news on CBC radio last week.

Young girls who have no aspirations to play in a Stanley Cup.

But young girls with some heady dreams to follow Granato's and James's footsteps to a spot on the national team.

And many girls who now have aspirations to follow their own heroes to the Hockey Hall of Fame!

Why?

Well, simple really.

Because now, it's possible.

Years ago Jackie Robinson had a dream.

He and Branch Rickey paved the way for dreamers.

It's a Hockey Hall of Fame.

I didn't get the memo Rosie.

You know the one.

That memo that says – "Hockey Hall of Fame – No women please."

More apropos of nothing at all, but a point that I find particularly salient in light of this Rosie DiManno snuggle.

Our very own Scotty Morrison – a Highlander – is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

And he never once dangled down a left wing to score a Stanley Cup winner.

He was a referee for god's sake!

A referee Rosie!

Really!

They let half-blind, doddering old weezers into the Hall of Fame!

John D'Amico, Andy Van Hellemond, Ray Scapinello, Red Storey, and Neil Armstrong.

Roise, oh Rosie.

If referees ... why not women?

How can I place this in its proper perspective?

Ah yes. Don Koharski.

A referee.

Once reprimanded by Jim 'The Witless' Schoenfeld with Churchillian high-dudgeon in a corridor scrum.

"Yeah? Yeah?" said Schoenny to Sir Don the Rotund.

"Go have another donut, ya' fat pig!"

Don Koharski ... not in the Hall of Fame.

But, clomping around in the large muddle of Rosie's lethargic logic and somewhat neolithic puddle-jump.

I rest my case.

Chicks with sticks rock! ■

Highland Storm Reports

Bantam C girls

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls maintained their undefeated record over the weekend. Sat night, the Storm ladies played their best total team game to date beating the Cold Creek Comets 2 - 0. Last minute first and second period goals by Erin Little and Kelsey Maracle, along with a stellar game shut-out by Connor Marsden (her 4th goose egg of the season) solidified the win.

On Sunday, the girls made the road trip to Ennismore to face off against the high-flying Eagles. Solid goal tending at both ends kept the game to a 0 - 0 draw after two periods of play. Alex Litwin snuck a shot in the net to open up the scoring in the third period. Ennismore's fast skating on the power play tied the game at one each. Sidney Feir rallied late in the period on a nice feed from Erin Little who had helpers on both snipes.

This proved to be the winning goal and kept the Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls season without a loss at 5 - 0 - 2.

The Storm ladies have 2 games in Minden this weekend. On Saturday they take on the Lindsay Lynx at 5 pm and Sun they host Markham-Stouffville at 5:30. The following weekend, Nov 20 and 21, the Bantam girls travel to Kanata to play in their first tourney of their season. Good luck ladies.

- Dan Marsden

Novice Team

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Novice Team defeated the Parry Sound Novice team by a score of 7-1 in the Parry Sound arena. Our next game is on Sat Nov 13 at 10am in Minden against Gravenhurst.

- Larry Bukta

Peewee AEs

The Peewee AEs played their game against Port Carling that was rescheduled from Oct 30 to Thurs Nov 4 in Haliburton. The Storm played well and achieved a 5-0 win, a shut out for our goalie, Parker Smolen. Goals go to Ethan Cooper, John Morrison, Max MacNaull (unassisted), Drew Vanlieshout, and Josh Rowden. Assists to Drew Vanlieshout (2), Jake Bull, Mitch Billings, Greg Crofts and Alex Wilbee.

The Highland Storm Peewee AE team had two games this past weekend. On Saturday Nov 6 in Humphrey versus Parry Sound, our bench was not healthy, with a lot of coughing and sniffing going and we were also short a player. The team played with not quite enough energy that they needed to stay on top of the Parry Sound team and lost 2-0.

Our second game in Minden on Sunday Nov 7 proved what one day and a full bench could do. It was somewhat of a physical game with the boys remembering that they could check and Bracebridge doing the same. Goals went to Max MacNaull (2), Reagan Casey, and Mitch Billings with assists by Drew Vanlieshout, Mitch Billings, John Morrison, Greg Crofts and Josh Rowden. An overall better effort by the whole team resulted in a 4-1 win.

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- Karena Crofts

Karate Tourney this weekend in Haliburton

The Kai-Shin Dojo "North Branch" will be hosting their annual Karate tournament Sunday November 14th at the Dysart Hockey Arena. It starts at 11:30 sharp and goes to around 5 pm.

This year looks like it will be the biggest local tournament ever. It's an invitational tournament and only Dojos of good standing within the Kai Shin Karate Association will be allowed to compete. Fourteen Clubs have been invited, from as far away as London and Windsor. ■

Midget Storm B's

The 2010 Haliburton Timbr-Mart Minor Midget Storm team are small in numbers & stature but are big at Heart! Minding the twine for the team is Darcy "the Eagle" Schmidt. The 11 skaters are Tanner Hamilton, Donovan MacInnes, Taylor Rowbotham, Kieran Poropat, Mike Mazara, Mike Dack, Jake Harrison, Andrew Murray, Mike Nelson, Riley Tait & Tyler "Boomer Junior" Stamp. The team are well coached by Scotty Hamilton, Devon Hunter, Brad Tait & Ed Poropat. With 2 ties over the past weekend with the Huntsville Otters & Bracebridge Bears the boys have a record of 1 win, 4 losses & 2 ties. With some solid practices & team gelling the boys are starting to come together. At their next home game VS Huntsville Otters on Friday November 12th at the Dysart Community Centre there will be a Banner raising ceremony in memory of Dawson Hamilton (Tanners' little brother). The ceremony will take place just before the game at 8 pm. The teams invites everyone to come out & support the event & take in some fun, fast hockey.

- Wade MacInnes

Bantam A's

The Highland Storm GJ Burch Construction Bantam A's went down the road to Parry Sound last Saturday to face the Shamrocks in a much-anticipated matchup. Earlier in the season the Storm tied Parry Sound 1 - 1 in a tense and hard fought contest. But the Storm bunch has been improving with virtually every game, and their solid position play along with sharp goaltending (in this game by Brayden Frost) stood them in good stead on Saturday as they won in a romp, 7 - 1.

On Sunday they played the loop's number one team, the Bracebridge Bears, and although the Storm had a number of early chances to take the lead, they failed to convert and eventually lost 5 - 1, despite some miraculous saves by the Storm's Jordan Hamilton. This weekend the Bantam As play the Bracebridge AE team twice, away on Saturday, and at home at Dysart arena on Sunday at 3:00 pm. □

Former Red Hawk Edward Cyr – cramming a lotta' life onto a bursting plate

By Terrance Gavan

Edward Cyr is not a magician; or a juggler.

And so we may begin by asking how young Edward keeps so many plates spinning on those wobbly, wonky and spindly wands.

Known for his superb curling skills as a student athlete here at Hal High – he graduated in 2007 to attend Waterloo University in an engineering program – Edward Cyr is now finding joy, discovery and fulfillment in the challenging milieu of the triathlon.

In Huntsville last month Cyr placed second in his age group and 61st overall in the Muskoka Ironman 70.3 (miles) Challenge, finishing the swim, bike and run in 05:02:37.

The second place finish in his age group qualified Cyr for this weekend's Foster Grant Ironman 70.3 World Championships in Clearwater, Florida.

During competition this summer, Cyr also qualified for the long course worlds in Henderson, Nevada slated for November, 2011.

His mother Gisele Cyr, now living in Peterborough, is his biggest fan.

Gisele is headed to Clearwater on Friday. She still fondly recalls watching her son compete for the first time.

"It was the first triathlon I ever attended, and it was so emotional," says Gisele. "My daughter Chantal and I were waiting by the finish line and as we watched Edward running in on Main Street in Huntsville we hugged each other, tears of happiness running down our faces. We were so amazed by his enthusiasm to compete in such an event. He was doing something he loved. We were so proud of him."



Edward Cyr, former Red Hawk is busy, busy, splitting his time as a member of the U of Waterloo curling and swim teams, a full course load in Engineering and his new found love: Triathlon. Thanks to Gisele Cyr for the photo.

Pride, love and tears.

Apt summary for a sport made famous in Canada by the iconic Simon Whitfield, erstwhile Olympic Gold medalist, and the cranking machine most responsible for the sudden surge in popularity of this sport across Canada.

Edward Cyr is relatively new to the sport, but he has already amassed some incredible results.

He discovered the triathlon quite serendipitously, while watching a race with his girlfriend, Bridget Arnold, in Huntsville during the spring of 2008.

Bridget's dad Jamie Arnold – a longtime and highly regarded competitive tri-athlete – was competing that day.

The 21-year-old Cyr, talking by phone from Kitchener last weekend, said his obsession with the sport grew from that one race.

He watched intently.

And. Something. Clicked.

"I went up to watch that race in Huntsville and thought that I could do it," says Cyr. "And when I did compete (at Wasaga Beach in 2008) ... I sort of got hooked; as soon as I crossed the finish line."

Cyr is just three years out of Hal High.

He's remembered as a fantastic curler, part of an amazing team – along with Connor Duhaime, Jake Walker, and Curtis Nichol – which slipped and swept its way to some fantastic finishes in the

years they were together. Two appearances at OFSAA championships, and two more at the Gore Provincials.

Dibblee remembers Cyr as a superb student, and a tough competitor between the hacks.

"He was very strategic on the ice, and of course he was always a strong student; academically strong," says Dibblee. He adds that

on road trips Cyr was always the first guy to crack the books, and was prone to giving impromptu lessons to the other guys in the car.

And of course it may come as no surprise that he is also a tremendously focused young man with a precocious knack for time management.

How else could he maintain a full course load, curl winters – along with former Hal High teammate Jake Walker on the University of Waterloo Intercollegiate team – and also maintain a five-day per week regimen as a member of the UW swim team?

Oh yeah. Cyr is also a member of the U of Waterloo competitive swim team, where he commits to at least one session per day, five days per week. "I think that once this Ironman is over in Clearwater, I'll probably commit to six days per week with the swim team," says Edward.

His second place age-group finish at the Muskoka 70.3 Ironman last month was attributed to a four-minute deficit in the swim portion.

And so this fall he approached the U of W swim coach and asked if he could come and swim.

Cyr has also found a home with Team Energi – a club coached and organized by Jeff Beech, a professional triathlete with 12 years of global race experience. Energi is a highly supportive and competitive race club and Cyr says Beech and Jamie Arnold have both been instrumental in his success.

Cyr says that he's like to shave about 20 to 25 minutes off his time and is aiming for a 4 hour and 35 minute finish at Clearwater.

He'll be bunking with the Arnold family – Jamie is also a competitor in the 1,700 competitor field – at a hotel in Clearwater. He says Team Energi sponsored his entry and mom and dad have come through with the air fare.

And what about curling?

"We'll still be curling this year," says Cyr, who adds that it's nice being back on a team with Jake Walker, last year's skip on the Canadian Junior team.

But the triathlon is something he'd like to explore more, realizing that most competitive triathletes reach peak achievement levels between the ages of 26 and 35.

He says that it's an addictive regimen and he's thinking of some longer range goals.

"It's hard work, but if it wasn't fun, I wouldn't be doing it," laughs Cyr.

"And as soon as you cross the line ... you're tired ... but in an hour, you're already looking forward to the next one."

To follow the race online, go to ironman.com/events/ironman70.3 to watch the live feed and race splits. ■

Bootie Call for Winterdance's pas de deux to Yukon Quest

Get your tickets now for the gala on Nov 20 at Sir Sam's Ski Lodge

By Terrance Gavan

Booties for dogs?

Surely you must be joking.

No we are most certainly not ... and don't call me Shirley!

Okay, so you may be forgiven for associating dogs in booties with Hollywood starlets, who drag Mexican miniature canines around in Gucci handbags.

Put a block on your TMZ. Please!

Booties have long been the mainstay of the working dog. Crazy as Elvis celebrities like Paris Hilton and her bejeweled and beslippered darlings are only copping an old time-honored paradigm; surfaced long, long ago when dogs were a staple and stable form of travel.

My mum, a second generation Faroe Islander, grew up on a ranch in the Manitoba Interlake, and used to place booties on dog teams just before my Afi (Icelandic for granddad) Harry and several of my Icelandic uncles (Gusti, Pete, Bert and Henry) headed out to Lake Manitoba on winter-long, ice-fishing expeditions.

Dogs you see used to be an intrinsic part of our life here in Canada.

Dogs, specifically the Siberian husky, are still a very vital part of the day-to-day operations of Winterdance Dog Sled Tours.

Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready-DeBruin, might not know the difference between a Birkenstock and a Bluntstone,

but just you ask 'em what boot works best over a chopped-ice river bed trail in the Yukon, or Alaska, and prepare to be inundated with clever bon mots, historical references, and full resume of the very best canine kicks for the job.

Tanya and Hank became very familiar with the renaissance Lassie loafer while preparing for the Iditarod, that most iconic of sled dog races. Hank and his team of Siberians ran his Sibes in the Iditarod last year.

So booties, prefaced by a well-known expletive may be the way Hank describes the classical application of soles to soulful dog team; at full howl; on a nippy -42 degree morning on the Anchorage trail.

Hank remains the guy most intimately involved in the day-to-day drudge of fitting boots onto a working sled of 15 to 18 wide-eyed Sibes.

That's four paws apiece peeps.

No job for a Hollywood starlet with a yappy Chihuahua.

This year, in addition to their comprehensive schedule of guided tours with their 150 dog operation, Hank and Tanya will be embarking on the Yukon Quest, the second most famous sled dog race extant.

On Saturday, Nov 20 Hank and Tanya are asking all of their many friends here in the Highlands to come out and support the team.

Welcome to the Bootie Call Gala Dinner & Evening.

"Join us at Sir Sam's Ski Hill Lodge for an evening of fun," says Tanya. "It's our main fundraiser for the race team's jour-

ney to the Yukon Quest 2011."

It should be a doozy of a dinner. The repast is by Rhubarb's (Eagle Lake) Chef Christoff.

Guests are urged to dress in their best musher's gear. The Yukon Quest race team will be howling to meet you. There will be auctions and dress code is musher gear.

We expect to detect much flannel, large ugly hats, and faux fur.

You may wear your own snow shoes, and be prepared to purchase several pair of those very important dog booties.

Last year Hank and his team went through well over 1000 pairs ... err ... quads of boots. Not sure what the count is on that, but we know that every pledge will be welcomed by a hearty woof.

For tickets contact info@winterdance.com. ■

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Senior Hawk hoopsters advance to Kawartha's with OT win

Holy Cross runs the table to eliminate Red Hawk juniors

By Terrance Gavan

They ain't called wild card tourneys for nuthin'.

Six schoolgirl teams – three seniors and three juniors – gathered at the Red Hawks' Nest on Tuesday (Nov 9) battling for three spots at the Kawartha Zone championships, which begins tomorrow.

Two teams moved on from the senior pool and only one advanced from the junior side.

Clarke, Kenner and Hal High lined up on the senior side of the play-in tournament.

The Hal High juniors hosted Holy Cross and Cobourg West.

Several tie-breaker scenarios were embedded in the wild card template, but no formulaic pursuit was necessary for the juniors. The strong Holy Cross Hurricanes out of Peterborough ran the table – winning both contests – and qualified outright for the Kawartha junior finals.

On the senior side, both Kenner and the Hal High Red Hawks (who qualified by virtue of their 38-36 win in overtime over Clarke in the day's final game) are advancing to tomorrow's tourney which is slated for Cobourg West HS.

Hal High coaches Brett Caputo and Sharon Dibblee ran an impeccable tourney.

Both Dibblee and Caputo share bench chores with both teams. Caputo is responsible for the senior club and Dibblee handles the juniors.

Caputo was especially gratified and popped huge props to all his girls for some outstanding play.

"We scored 30 points in our first game – a 44-30 loss to Kenner – and that was their best offensive performance of the year," said Caputo just prior to the second contest against Clarke.

Caputo said that his girls held their own in that first game, distributing the ball and playing great defense. "We were only down two – 18-16 – in the first half, but we ran out of energy in the second," said Caputo.

The junior wild card was essentially over as soon as Holy Cross won its second game.

But in an exciting final game against Cobourg West, with nothing but pride on the line, the junior Hawks staunchly refused to quit.

They were playing a taller Cobourg contingent, but made up for that lack of physical presence with a withering and smothering defensive attack.



Jenna Dibblee, who scored 15 points to lead Red Hawks to a berth in the Kawartha finals tomorrow, rises for jumper versus a Clarke defender.

Guards Casey Pringle and Kayla Gardiner, a dynamic, diminutive backcourt duo, fronted that juke and jive, steal-oriented defense with a hustling three-quarter court presence. A spate of very cold shooting in the first half forced the hawks to redouble their defensive efforts.

The game not only went down to the final seconds, it actually dragged out to a no-time free throw drama with Pringle center stage on the charity stripe.

The game ended with the Hawks trailing 22-20, but a whistled foul as the horn went gave Pringle a crucial bonus try.

With time out Pringle was left alone on the line for the one-and-one.

Hit the first and she gets a second.

Unfortunately Pringle missed on that first bonus try and the game, and their stellar season, ended there.

The junior girls lost their first game 42-29 loss to Holy Cross.

"In that first game against Holy Cross we had a shaky start," said Dibblee. "Holy Cross put on an intense full court press for the first quarter. But the girls settled down and adjusted their game to beat the press with some beautiful passing plays. We moved the ball rapidly up the floor and had some good scoring chances."

Julia Fedeski led the Hawks with eight points. Megan LaPierre, Jaimie Dack, and Bailey Walker all added four each. Jessica Rider contributed 3 points.

They trailed Cobourg West 10-1 after the first quarter, and trailed 10-6 at the half.

"That sluggish first quarter cost us in the end," said Dibblee. Casey Pringle, Jaimie Dack, Megan LaPierre, and Jessica Rider all had four points in the second contest.

Of course the continuing saga of that little engine that could – and now did – refuses to be derailed.

Remember that the senior Hawks' season was in jeopardy at the start of the year.

Caputo says that four brand new girls answered the call and it's been a bit of a storybook dance since those raw beginnings.

The Hawks did not win a game in the regular season. Of course they played the whole year against triple-A schools. They qualified for the wild card by default, being the only AA team in the league.

Caputo adds that the new recruits were forced to learn the ropes in regular season game time encounters, not an enviable set of circumstances. That's a retrofit from the ground floor up.

And sure, basketball is not rocket science, but like any sport it takes time to come to terms with the nuanced jargon and fundamentals.

"Some of those girls didn't know what a travel was, or a foul," says Dibblee.

Thankfully several of the returning starters, like Sharon's daughter Jenna for instance, were instrumental in that learning curve.

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In that victory over Clarke, Dibblee, Bailey Walker and Paige Roberts led the team, but the new recruits combined to donate some invaluable minutes, using lessons accumulated over a year of hard work commingled with a precipitous learning curve to aid and abet that important wild card win.

Dibblee led all scorers with 15 points. Hilary Hawley scored the big shot to tie it up with second left in regulation. The teams were tied 30-30 after regulation and Caputo says that the girls really took it to Clarke in that five minute OT.

"The girls all played well and all 10 of our players contributed," says Caputo. "We stuck to our strategy and went right at them." Clarke had only seven players, and two of those fouled out in the second half, forcing them to finish the game with no bench.

Caputo is quite pleased. But not nearly as ecstatic as his young team..

"They were jumping around like they had just won the NCAA finals," says Caputo. "It's the first regulation game we won all year ... so they put it together at the

right time. They're mentally very, very

tough."

It has been and continues to be, a simply stellar season for the Hawks seniors.



Hawks forward Carley Shaw (22) follows through in the qualifier against Clarke HS. Hawks won in overtime 38-36.



Junior forward Jessica Rider is challenged hard by a Cobourg West defender as she squeezes off a jumper from the lane.

Jr. point guard Casey Pringle looks for the jumper off the fast break. Photos by Gav.

See next weeks Voice for Kawartha final results. Follow the High School sports scene on the Gav's blog: Highlands Sports Pages located at haliburtonsports.blogspot.com. Tips? gav@pardontheeruption.com. □

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Above: Lisa Barry and Heidi Hudspeth pose with items for sale at last year's trade show. Right: An example of the many Christmas gifts one can find at the SIRCH fundraiser.

By Mark Arike

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"The event is a fantastic opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products," said coordinator Erin Lynch. "It's a great way for people to prepare for the holiday season. They can watch the parade and then find that perfect unique gift

while supporting great community services."

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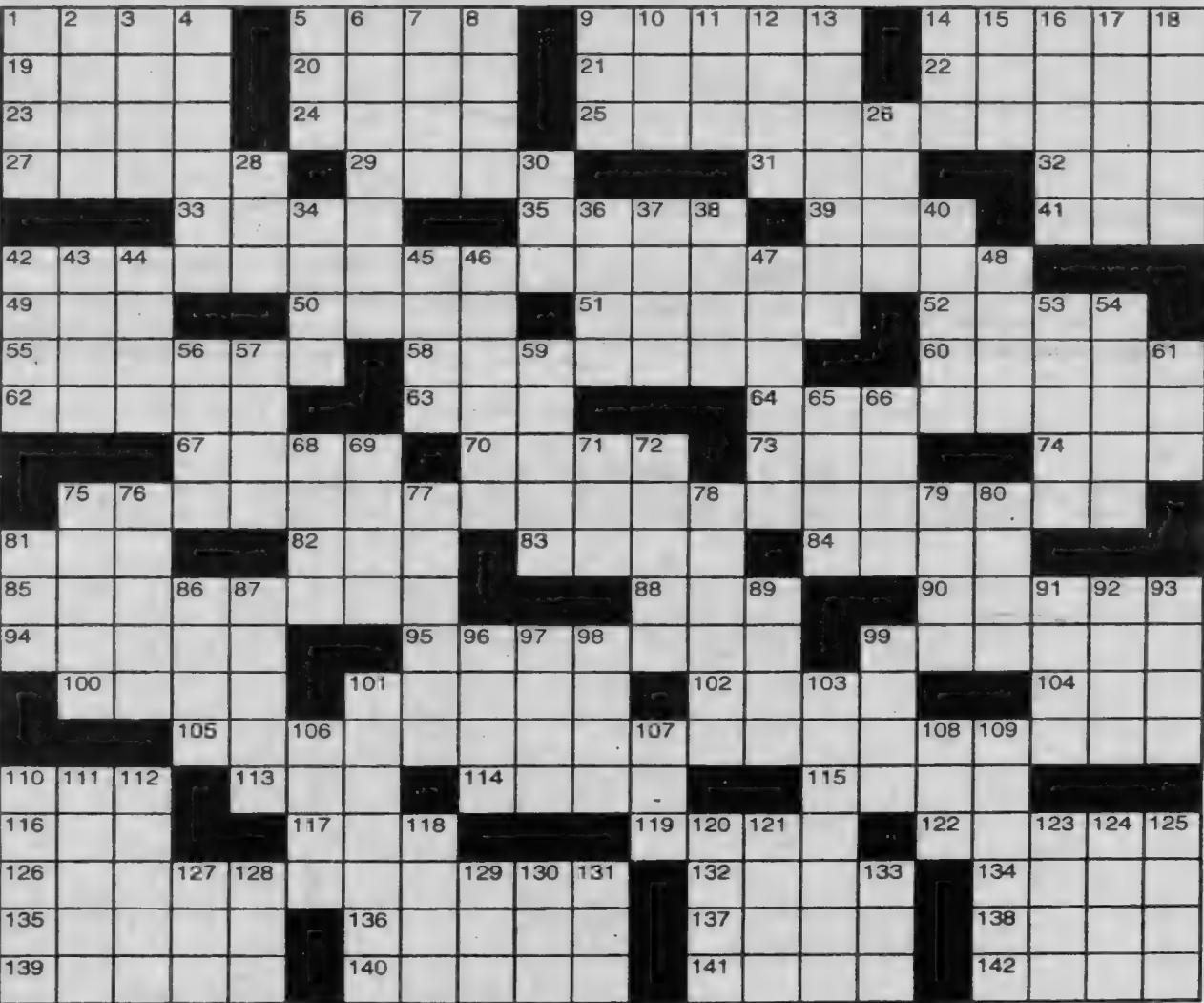
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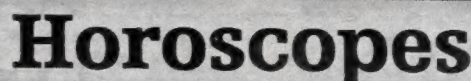
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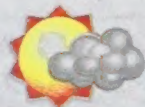
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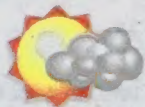
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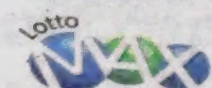


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Help Wanted

Algonquin Highlands

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is hiring one person to set up and maintain an outdoor ice rink behind the Stanhope Fire Fighters Community Hall. This contract position begins in December and runs to March 2011 (weather permitting). The hours are up to 35 hours per week as required.

Interested persons are invited to submit their resumes to the Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department, Box 99, Dorset ON P0A 1E0 or email to drc@algonquinhighlands.ca by November 22, 2010.

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Pets

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Announcements

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Coming Events

ANN HARRIS - Local author of Lorah's Promise will be signing books at Under Cover Books, Saturday November 13th 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (Nov B)

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Announcements

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GREENS LAKE - \$349,900



Post and beam style, 3 bedroom cottage on beautiful Greens Lake. Private, great swimming and fishing. Hot tub, tiered decking, 4 season cottage/home with western exposure. Just move in and enjoy.

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BOB LAKE - \$479,900



Winterized 3 bedroom home features finished basement with a walk out to landscaped gardens, 105 feet of sandy shoreline, main floor master bedroom with 4pc ensuite, open concept kitchen and living room, automatic generator backup, bunkie, sunroom and much more.

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BOBCAYGEON ROAD - \$174,900



Gorgeous, private hilltop setting with a spectacular view - 11 year old Viceroy on over 10 acres - open concept living/dining room & kitchen provide terrific entertainment space - two bedrooms - take the time to view.

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CUSTOM BUILT HOME - \$239,900



Open concept designed home with kitchen/dining room combo with a breakfast bar, stone fireplace, refinished pine floors, jacuzzi bath, front porch and rear screened in porch viewing a pond. Double detached garage heated and insulated with a loft.

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\$12,900
2.9 acres, 215' frontage

\$24,900
2.69 acres, 201' frontage

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6.28 acres, 460' frontage

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4 BEDROOM HOME - \$229,900



Newer raised bungalow with fully finished basement lower level. Modern decor with cherry wood kitchen cupboards, main floor laundry, cathedral ceiling, large front deck and lots of room on this level 2 acre lot.

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE ROAD - \$289,000



Meticulously maintained 2 bedroom home or cottage - 5 lake chain - hook ups for a 45 ft motor home/trailer - partially insulated shed could easily be converted to a bunkie - well plus lake water for outside watering - gorgeous sunset views.

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HALIBURTON LAKE - \$674,900



Offers an open concept design with cathedral ceilings, granite floor to ceiling fireplace, main floor laundry, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a cozy loft area and basement area that is great for storage, large 2 car garage, extensive decking and pumphouse at the lake

Anthony vanLieshout*** 457-2414 ext. 27

HALIBURTON LAKE - \$324,900



Superb municipal yr round access, level lot, partially cleared, slightly elevated off the lake. Neat and clean older 1.5 storey 3 bedroom, 1122 sq. ft. home plus sunroom area and detached 1.5 garage.

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BOBCAYGEON ROAD - \$212,900



3 bedroom home built in 2001 - all new windows in 2010, insulated double car garage that doubles as a screened in games room - drilled well - school bus route - come and view it today.

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HALLS LAKE - \$649,900



R2000 Royal Home on a full partially finished walkout basement includes oak hardwood floors, main floor laundry, master ensuite, several walkouts to deck, propane fireplace, custom kitchen, 3 full washrooms, double garage, plus loads more. Wheelchair accessible with ramp.

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CRANBERRY LAKE - \$244,900



Neat & clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 washroom home on a full walk-out basement features \$10,000 in new Energy Star windows and doors, freshly painted and decorated, energy efficient hot water heating system, wood airtight stove, nice sunroom, new lakeside deck plus loads more.

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KUSHOG LAKE - \$574,900



Solid brick/stone 3+2 bedroom, 2 washroom home. Extensive 2 level decking and landscaping. Totally finished 2 level home features cathedral pine ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, pine interior doors, lower level with wet bar, built in hot tub, games room plus loads more!

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REDSTONE RIVER - \$469,000 - \$139,000



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GOODERHAM LAKE - \$219,900



Neat and clean 864 sq. ft. home on a walkout basement, features a drilled well, cherry wood kitchen, formal dining areas, high speed internet, several walkouts including lower level, lakeside recreation room plus loads more.

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GULL RIVER - \$249,900



This year round property features metal roof, a fully finished walkout lower level, upgraded flooring, kitchen and bathrooms, large rooms, numerous decks, room for the kids to play and a nice river view. Comes turn key ready.

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LT. GLAMOR LAKE - \$479,000



Home/cottage featuring rounded structure with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunken living room with vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling fireplace, screened in porch, extensive rounded deck, bunkie and garage.

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IRONDALE RIVER - \$149,900



The well constructed and meticulously maintained cottage offers a nice open concept Design with large bright rooms, a large 4 pc bathroom and loads of storage space.

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GRASS LAKE - \$239,000



Level lot, winding stream, bridges over the stream. Sand beach. Good view of this 3 chain lake. Drilled well, overflow into the creek. Paved drive. Easy access off Hwy 35. 2 bdrms, bath, laundry, open concept Kit/DR/LR with pine cathedral ceiling. New windows, wood stove. Single car garage and storage shed

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CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$169,900



Two bedroom bungalow with large 33 x 24 two-storey garage - 54 acres of gorgeous property with trails throughout - open concept bungalow that needs some updating - terrific property to use as a weekend getaway - private rolling acreage plus a small stream on the east side of property - across the road from Crystal Lake.

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

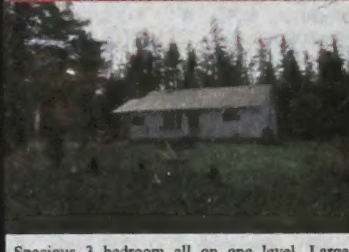
MISKWABI LAKE - \$375,000



Open concept 3 bedroom cottage loaded in wood features: cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling lakeside windows, propane airtight, lakeside screen porch area, extensive wrap around decking and lakeside docking plus a bunkie/shed.

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GLAMORGAN RD - \$122,900



Spacious 3 bedroom all on one level. Large detached garage with loft and carport. Very level treed lot with plenty of parking. Right of way to Paradise Lake across road from property.

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SAMS LAKE - \$399,900



This property offers outstanding privacy with 850 feet of frontage, surrounded by over 15 acres of forest - cottage was built in 2009 and offers 1,152 sq feet and 4 bedrooms.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

COUNTY ROAD 121 - \$299,900



40 acres including rolling open fields, two ponds - 3 bedroom home plus 27 x 33 2 storey commercial building - 3 driveways - 2,200 sq foot home with wide plank pine floors - stone fireplace with insert - 2 new bathrooms - ceramic floor in kitchen - commercial building has self contained

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

GRASS LAKE - \$279,900



3 bdr., 720 sq ft vintage cottage features cathedral wood beamed ceilings, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, pine floors and comes 'turnkey ready to enjoy. Direct waterfront lot on 5 lake chain within walking distance of Haliburton Village.

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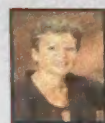
MOUNTAIN LAKE - \$429,900



Year round fun in here with this beautiful cottage/home on deep & crystal clear Mountain Lake - 2+2 bdrms ctye - large 2 storey boathouse - sandy beach - both the cottage & boathouse are fully insulated, heated & mostly finished in tongue & groove pine - large decks at the front & back of cottage - decking on 2 sides of boathouse.

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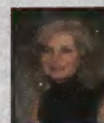
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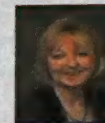
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